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Luminaries displayed at the American Memorial Park are lit with the colors red, white, and blue in celebration of Memorial Day yesterday and in remembrance of the fallen and missing during World War II.
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Memorial Day rites also honor military families

Families gather at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi to remember their loved ones on Memorial Day.
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Memorial Day was observed yesterday in the CNMI with not just honors and memories of departed servicemembers but also honors for their families, who continue to keep their memories alive.

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Hopwood bags 4 of 6 PSS awards

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Four of the Public School System's annual awards went to Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School last week after they announced that Ruby DLC Hocog is the 2019 Administrative Staff of the Year.

The announcement was delayed by Super Typhoon Yutu's devastation in late October 2018.

Hopwood was able to bag the PSS

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Newly promoted Rota Customs major passes away

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Newly-promoted Rota Customs major Theodore M. Manglona Sr. recently passed away at the Asian Hospital in the Philippines. He was 59.

Sen. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota) said that Manglona, who is her nephew, died last May 18 due to lung cancer.

Manglona's remains arrived from the Philippines last Friday and were

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'FEMA delay straining CUC cash flow'

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» CUC revenue almost back to pre-Yutu level

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s revenue collection from power and water has been steadily growing every month, but the Federal Emergency Management Office's slow reimbursement of millions of dollars in expenses from recovery efforts following Super Typhoon Yutu is causing a major strain on CUC's cash flow, according to CUC chief financial officer Greg P. Cruz.

Cruz

During CUC's board meeting last Friday, Cruz reported that their revenue data on power and water sales shows that CUC is now very close to its pre-Super Typhoon Yutu level.

"So, we are almost there," Cruz said.

On the other hand, he lamented that reimbursements from FEMA "are very, very slow."

He said CUC has already submitted a total of $8 million in reimbursement applications to the local FEMA office.

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MHS students join nationwide coding contest

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Marianas High School students were among several regional representatives throughout the United States who joined a nationwide coding competition in Washington, D.C. that rewarded students who create apps to promote positive social change.

Four CNMI students were honored at the National Congressional App Competition for their app called Health Buddy, which is designed to assist those diagnosed with diabetes in the CNMI.

The app features information about diabetes prevention and management, including locations for health clinics and providers and also a data monitoring and recording framework with a "user-friendly interface."

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Public School System director of instructional technology Bobby Cruz poses for a selfie with Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan and Marianas High School students Ian Cataluna, Mimi Sakano, Melody Yang, and Celina Wu, who are representing the CNMI at the National Congressional App Competition.

The CNMI team was composed of Ian Cataluna, Mimi Sakano, Melody Yang, and Celina Wu.

Their participation in Washington, D.C. was a collaboration between Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) office and the Public School System.

This was the second year in a row that MHS represented the CNMI in the competition.

"Opportunities like the Congressional App Challenge help to promote the idea of the 'New Digital Citizenship,'" said Dr. Bobby Cruz, PSS director of instruction technology, in a statement.

Cruz explained that the Washington, D.C. showcase was held for the regional winners representing different states across the U.S. The showcase also came with other benefits, including an educational excursion.

"It was an amazing opportunity that shaped my perspective on technology. I was able to witness the use of different apps for so many different applications and seeing that a lot was put to use in order to solve problems was an inspiring sight to see," Cataluna said.

Sakano noted that she had a "wonderful experience" being able to see other creative apps that students were able to create. "I learned so much," she added.

"It was an astonishing experience as our team got to meet other students from different states with their innovative apps. Also, our team got to meet and talk to Congressmen Kilili Sablan as he came to support our app. He actually stayed with us for hours, which was very nice," Yang said in a statement.

The PSS statement noted that Health Buddy will soon be expanded to address other diseases.

PSS Distance Education Program manager Lorraine Catienza noted that she and Cruz would be together to further promote technology programs and competitions.

"…We look forward to seeing more students participate. We are proud of what this team has accomplished," she said in a statement.

DOC officials, inmate who sued agree to dismiss suit

Department of Corrections officials and the inmate, who is suing them for allegedly subjecting him to solitary confinement and not giving him adequate mental health treatment, have agreed to drop the case.

Inmate Jerry Ray, through counsel Jeanne H. Rayphand, and DOC officials, through assistant attorney general Hessel Yntema, agreed to ask the U.S. District Court for the NMI to dismiss the lawsuit with prejudice. That means Ray can no longer re-file the case.

The terms of the settlement agreement were not disclosed.

In his lawsuit, Ray said he has been a prisoner at DOC since 2012 and that he was subjected to cruel and unusual punishment from June 19, 2016 to May 7, 2018.

He demanded payment of $100 a day, for a total of $65,000, for the period he was allegedly subjected to solitary confinement and provided with inadequate mental health treatment at DOC.

Rayphand, of the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc., asked the court to declare that the segregation, isolation, solitary confinement, and the step-down process to which Ray was subjected at DOC constituted cruel and unusual punishment.

Ray sued DOC Commissioner Vincent S. Attao, Division of Corrections director Gregory Castro, then-acting commissioner Georgia M. Cabrera, pre-trial operations captain Pius P. Yaroitemal, operation commander David Deleon Guerrero, and classification officer Cynthia B. Santos.

Attao and his co-defendants have denied Ray's allegations.

The claims against Cabrera, Yaroitemal, and Deleon Guerrero have already been dismissed.

Ray, a habitual offender, has been an inmate of DOC since 2012 after he was convicted of burglary. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Triple J donates $2,500 to LibDay festivities

Triple J Saipan officials present a $2,500 check to the 2019 CNMI Liberation Day Festivities as the company's donation.

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Triple J Saipan donated $2,500 to the 2019 CNMI Liberation Day Committee last week to support Saipan's signature event, making the company a silver sponsor of this year's Liberation Day festivities.

"We are excited to have Triple J Saipan as a [sponsor]. This year is shaping up to be a great one as our committee is working really hard to put together another memorable Liberation Day event," said Liberation Day chair Joe Ayuyu Jr.

Silver sponsorship is given to a company or organization that has contributed $2,500 in cash or in-kind donation.

"Triple J Saipan commends the tireless efforts of the Saipan Mayor's Office and the 2019 Liberation Day Committee for organizing and executing what is one of the island's biggest community events, our Liberation Day festivities and parade," said Mike Sablan, vice president of finance and administration of Triple J Enterprises, Inc.

This year also marks the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Saipan.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said plans are well underway for another successful Liberation Day and promised that this year's festivities will be "particularly special." ***(PR)***

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Grandvrio's Meimban wins junior chefs' competition

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Grandvrio Resort junior chef Richard Meimban won the Chinese Style Beef-themed chefs' competition on the final night of the 21st Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden last Saturday.

Meimban brought home the $500 cash prize as well as gift certificates from Triple J and Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC.

Meimban was the second-place winner in last year's chefs' competition. He came back stronger this year, beating off five other competitors for the top prize.

Coming in second place was Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Vicente Montoya and third place went to Kanoa Resort's Maria Pua.

The other competitors were Norman Chan from Hyatt Regency Saipan, Manny Pancha from Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and Ezekiel Quiroz from Tony Roma's.

Grandvrio Resort junior chef Richard Meimban poses with his first-place winning creation. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The competitors were judged based on taste, presentation, creativity, and use of local ingredients.

The judges were Cha Cafe's executive chef Joe Guerrero, IPI executive chef Haisong Chen, and Shark Fin Restaurant's executive chef and Chinese Association representative Tzu Ming Sheu.

Grandvrio Resort junior chef Richard Meimban is shown here preparing his dish using local ingredients. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The organizer of the competition, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands representative Samson Tan, who is also the Grandvrio executive chef, gave thanks to "everyone who extended helping hands." The other chefs who organized the competition were Benjamin Babauta, Roland Fitz, and Zenn Tomokane.

The competition capped the celebration of Tourism Month in the CNMI.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Precinct 2 town hall today

Members of the community are invited to join a town hall meeting with Precinct 2 Reps. Christina Sablan and John Paul Sablan today, May 28, from 5pm to 7pm, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. The two Precinct 2 representatives will take questions and concerns from constituents, and share updates on legislative issues and precinct activities. All are welcome. For more information or to RSVP, call the Office of Rep. Christina Sablan at 664-8829 or the Office of Rep. John Paul Sablan at 664-8965. ***(PR)***

Public hearing on mandatory fishery data reporting regs

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife is inviting all fishermen, boat owners, restaurant operators, tour operators, and all agencies engaged in commercial fishing on Saipan and the Northern Islands that there will be a public hearing on the proposed mandatory data reporting regulations under Pubic Law 17-98, on May 29, 2019, from 5pm to 6pm, at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan. Contact DLNR or DFW for inquiries or to get a copy of the draft regulations at 322-9834 or 664-6000. ***(PR)***

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Photographers who duped customers skip island

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Two photographers have reportedly skipped the island after allegedly duping several customers.

Roy Jacinto and Ivan Lanuza, former photographers with Island Image and Motion CNMI, have allegedly fled the island.

Island Image and Motion CNMI owner Jojo Alepuyo clarified yesterday that projects that were spearheaded by Jacinto and his assistant, Lanuza, past March 24, 2019, are not covered by his company because the two were fired after Alepuyo discovered that Jacinto was using his business to scam customers.

"If [the project] was still under my company that I knew about, then yes, those projects prior to March 24, those are the ones I've taken cared of already but, as of now, the rest are out of my hands and the most I can do is put this out there to be wary of all these production companies, just to be safe," he said.

Alepuyo said yesterday that Jacinto joined his team in October 2018 after Chelu Photos let him go.

A few months later, around January and February, customers started following up on photos from projects that Alepuyo said he was not aware of.

"He joined my business in October. It was good up until December [when] he started acting shady, then come January and February, clients were coming up to me and asking for photos, like when are they going to be delivered. … When I cross-checked with our group schedule, it was not there, it was not logged in, so that led me to believe he was doing side business and side transactions without me knowing [about it]," he said.

After firing Jacinto, Alepuyo discovered that there were projects assigned to Jacinto that date back to January that were not even completed.

He described Lanuza as just an assistant to Jacinto and wasn't officially employed with Island Image and Motion CNMI.

Alepuyo said an official police report has since been filed and police are now looking into it.

Unfortunately, Alepuyo said that he received confirmation that both men are now in the Philippines.

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2019 Instructor of the Year award through Michael Berbes; 2019 Counselor of the Year award through Jillian Pladevega; and tied with the 2019 Teacher Aide of the Year award through Salote Kesol.

Kesol tied with Garapan Elementary School's Grace Belyea.

Associate education commissioner for Instructional Services Jackie Quitugua represented Education Commissioner Glenn Muña at the awarding since he was on leave at the time.

This is Hocog's second state Administrator of the Year award. Her first was in 2010.

"I have been with Hopwood for nine years but, with PSS, over 17 years," she said.

She started her career at Rota's Sinapalo Elementary School before transferring to Dandan Elementary School.

"I was not expecting this award because I [thought] the award was already done… I was clueless," she said, adding that she thought it was already awarded to someone else.

"…My boss asked me what I wanted [as a gift]," she said, noting that her colleagues were acting "weird" the day prior to the awarding.

"Truly, these employees deserve [their awards] for their hard work, their resiliency, and passion," Hopwood principal Dr. Rizalina Liwag said in an interview. "We are very thankful," she said.

She described Hocog as "very humble, very patient, very hardworking, very resilient, and she has truly shown passion for what she does in school and what she does for [our students]. We are thankful to have an employee who exceeds the expectations of this school and of PSS."

Public School System 2019 state Administrator of the Year Ruby Hocog poses with Hopwood Middle School colleagues and students last week as she is awarded a plaque.

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immediately brought to the Borja Funeral on Saipan. The body was set to be brought to Rota yesterday at 2pm.

Mass will be celebrated at the San Francisco de Borja Church on Rota today, Tuesday, at 10am, to be followed by interment services at the San Jose Cemetery on the island.

Santos said that Manglona had just been promoted to Customs major two months ago.

"As far as I can recall, Maj. Ted [Manglona] was a devoted and humble family man, who also farmed for his family," Santos said.

At work, Manglona was known as a serious man, who was both dedicated and committed, but also understanding of his employees' concerns, she added.

Santos described Manglona as "very approachable and easy to get along with, which are valuable traits of a superior."

When the austerity moratorium was lifted last year, Santos said that Manglona would constantly call Saipan to help Rota Customs employees with their salary adjustments, increases, and promotions.

"He was really pushing hard for the Customs employees to be given their salaries for their outstanding work performances," she said.

Santos said that Manglona will be remembered for the good man that he was and for his good work as a CNMI law enforcer.

The major is the son of former CNMI lieutenant governor and former Rota mayor Benjamin T. Manglona and Magdalena M. Manglona. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Apatang Atalig Manglona, and their children.

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He said this FEMA delay is putting a lot of strain on CUC's ability to pay its current operations.

CUC pays a 10-percent match for FEMA-funded projects.

Cruz said the $8 million should already be in CUC's bank account but is being held up "for whatever reasons."

He said they submitted everything that they are required to submit to FEMA for reimbursements.

"It is always my understanding that money is already on island and it's only a matter of just turning in the documentation. But, apparently, there is something that I am not aware of," Cruz said.

Cruz said the number of customers in their system has returned to the pre-Yutu level due to CUC's restoration effort.

"It is really showing in the numbers. It is very positive from my prospective when I look at these numbers," he said.

MEMORIAL

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A total of 112 families were honored yesterday at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi, with all of the families being presented with floral decorations in honor of their family members who laid down their lives while serving the country in various conflicts since World War II.

Eloy Cabrera couldn't help but get emotional as he described how important the last Monday of May is to his family.

"We remember my father, who served as a Marine scout during World War II," he said.

His father, the late Gregorio C. Cabrera, according to the eldest of Eloy's 12 siblings Linda T. Cabrera, was fluent in Japanese and assisted the U.S. forces against Japanese snipers hiding in the thick jungles of Saipan during World War II.

Cabrera said he and his family always attend the Memorial Day ceremony, to remember fallen soldiers who served not just during World War II, but even in the Vietnam War and the Korean War.

"We always come here to honor them and thank them for their service," he said.

Lynn Tenorio, whose father, the late Antonio C. Tenorio, served during World War II, said that she visits both her parents' graves annually. Her mother is buried next to her father. She was at yesterday's ceremony with her husband and daughter.

She described yesterday's commemoration as "a beautiful ceremony…[for] people who have committed to democracy and the fight for democracy."

Tenorio noted that Memorial Day is important to everyone in the community since it is an opportunity to honor their fallen loved ones.

Veterans Affairs Office executive director Stanley Iakopo, who was also present at the ceremony, gave honor to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the country.

"…There is no greater love than to give your life for another. Our fallen heroes have demonstrated that love, and that is what Memorial Day is all about," he noted in a speech.

"It is also fitting that we gather here today to celebrate, remember, and honor," he added.

The keynote speaker for the Memorial Day ceremony this year was Cdr. Harry Elliott IV, the Joint Region Marianas regional environmental and real-estate legal counsel and Defense Coordinating Officer West.

Elliott is also a commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve Component and is currently the Naval Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer for Guam, among other designations.

"Memorial Day is one of the most important days of remembrance in the year. …It is very important that we take a moment to recognize all sacrifices, big or small, and [recognize] how each sacrifice contributes to making our nation a better place," Elliott said.

"There have been many people both from here and who came here to make the ultimate sacrifice," he added. "As we stop today and remember, we realize that each one of those contributes to how we live today and the freedoms we get to enjoy because of these sacrifices."

Lujan sanctioned anew for his behavior in deposition

The federal court has again sanctioned Guam lawyer David J. Lujan, this time for his behavior as he was being deposed by the lawyers of Junior Larry Hillbroom.

Deposition is the taking of testimony of a witness outside of court.

In a hearing last Friday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy ruled that sanctions against Lujan are appropriate but, according to the minutes of the hearing, Kennedy questioned the amount that Hillbroom wants Lujan to pay.

Hillbroom was directed to submit more details and justification for the costs.

Kennedy compelled Lujan to resume his deposition for two days, directing him to refrain from any obstructing or unethical behavior.

She said she will not award costs and fees associated with the last deposition and all costs and fees associated with the continued deposition on Saipan in July.

Conversely, Kennedy denied Lujan's motion to sanction Hillbroom's lawyers, Mark B. Hanson and Nelson J. Werner.

However, she granted Lujan's request that only one attorney question him during his deposition. Hillbroom's attorneys may consult with each other as needed.

Hillbroom and Lujan agreed that Lujan's deposition will be at the U.S. District Court for the NMI on July 29 and July 30.

Kennedy granted Hillbroom's motion for the costs and attorney's fees incurred in bringing the motion to compel.

Hillbroom's counsel was ordered to submit the costs and attorney's fees to Lujan. Lujan may file a motion with the court if he objects to the costs and fees.

At the hearing, Hillbroom's counsels—Rachel Dimitruk, Nelson Werner, and Mark B. Hanson—appeared via telephone. Lujan appeared via video teleconference. Lujan's co-defendant in the case, lawyer Barry J. Israel, and his counsel, Theodore R. Frank, appeared via telephone. Former Hillbroom trustee Keith Waibel also appeared via telephone.

Lujan allegedly displayed obstructive conduct and walked out during the deposition in Guam. Hillbroom had asked the court to sanction Lujan.

In reply to Hillbroom's motion, Lujan also asked the court to sanction Hanson and Werner for allegedly "double-teaming" him and Barry J. Israel during their depositions.

In the first sanction against Lujan, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona found that he violated Model Rules of Professional Conduct when he engaged in telephone conversations with Hillbroom and taped those conversations. Lujan was made to pay $11,750.

Manglona prohibited Lujan from having any contact with Hillbroom without the written consent of Hillbroom's lawyer.

Hillbroom is suing Lujan and Israel for allegedly conspiring with Waibel, a former trustee, to inflate their contingency fee when the fortune of the late DHL co-founder Larry Hillblom was still undergoing probate proceedings in the Superior Court.

Lujan and Israel, who are former lawyers of Hillbroom, denied the allegations.

Hillbroom is one of the four DNA-proven children of Hillblom. His name is spelled differently from that of Hillblom.

Hillblom died in a seaplane crash off Anatahan waters on May 21, 1995. Although his body was never recovered, the court declared him dead. ***(Ferdie De La Torre)***

Court grants change of third-party custodian for 1 of 3 rape suspects

The Superior Court granted Joseph Aquino Saimon's requests to allow his girlfriend of a few months to serve as his third-party custodian instead of his father.

Saimon, together with one of his brothers and his nephew, has been charged with raping a woman in 2018.

Superior Court Associate Judge Theresa Kim-Tenorio hesitated allowing the transfer at first, concerned as she is that the relationship is still new and, if they were to break up, the girlfriend would be legally obligated to carry out the third-party custodian duties.

The court was also concerned about her three sons who still live with her, two of whom are teenagers.

After much discussion, Kim-Tenorio granted Saimon's request last May 14.

Saimon will be waiting out his trial in the custody of his girlfriend and all bail conditions still apply.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, Saimon allegedly raped a drunk woman back in 2018, along with his brother, Romeo, and his nephew, Richmond Keybond.

Police said that the victim personally went to the Department of Public Safety to file a complaint against Saimon.

The victim told police that Saimon arrived at her workplace between 9am and 10am and forced her to leave with him, threatening that he would print her nude photos, post them at her work, and send them to her family and friends if she does not go with him.

She said she was forced to enter Saimon's vehicle but that she did not know where he would take her.

She said Saimon brought her to his house and, when she refused to have sex with him, he brandished a machete at her. The victim told police she was scared, was crying silently, and was in pain.

Police were able to retrieve the machete later.

Medical reports from the sexual assault examination noted bruising on the victim's neck and forearm as well as injuries in her privates. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

Over 20 make pilgrimage to CNMI

Over 20 Japanese men and women made the 13th annual Nenpou Shinkyu pilgrimage to the CNMI to remember all of those who fought and died on the islands during World War II.

Members of the Nenpou Shinkyou Buddhist Denomination conducted their 13th annual memorial ceremony last Thursday at the Last Command Post in Marpi.

The ceremony is intended to honor Japanese soldiers and civilians who lost their lives during World War II and to pray for everlasting peace.

During the ceremony, Nenpou Shinkyou priests and leaders prayed for eternal peace for the fallen Japanese of World War II and for war to never repeat itself.

The ceremony was first established by the Nenpou Shinkyou Buddhist Denomination in 2007 and has been an annual event since then.

Government officials came to show their respects and to honor the bond between the Commonwealth and the Japanese community.

Among the government officials present at the memorial ceremony last Thursday were then-acting governor Arnold I. Palacios, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang and Reps. Luis Castro (R-Saipan) and Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero (R-Saipan).

Newly appointed Japanese consul to the CNMI Kazuhiko Ono was also in attendance and was asked to offer brief remarks.

According to Ono, it was his first Nenpou Shinkyu memorial service and he was honored.

"I am honored to be here today, to pray and honor the souls of those who lost their lives [on] Saipan during the war. Time flies and memory of the war fades. However, we should never forget that, while we have survived or never experienced the war, we did not build this peace alone, but that it is founded on the sacrifices made by the many people who lost their lives in the war," he said.

The pilgrimage this year took place at both Banzai Cliff and at the Japanese Peace Memorial. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

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Manila given last chance to amend lawsuit

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The federal court has given inmate Reynaldo A. Manila his last opportunity to amend his lawsuit against former Department of Corrections commissioner Robert Guerrero and two other DOC officials over his blind left eye.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted Guerrero's motion to dismiss the claims against him in Manila's lawsuit.

Manglona, however, allowed Manila to amend his lawsuit on when and how Guerrero learned about his need for eye surgery, and any actions Guerrero took because of that.

The judge said this will be Manila's last opportunity to make his case.

Guerrero, who is currently the Department of Public Safety commissioner, was the DOC commissioner when Manila, an inmate, was diagnosed with retinal detachment in his left eye.

Manila sued Guerrero and DOC officials Georgia M. Cabrera and Jose K. Pangelinan in their personal capacity for alleged violation of his right to medical care.

Cabrera used to serve as DOC commissioner, while Pangelinan served as acting DOC commissioner when Guerrero was transferred to DPS. Cabrera and Pangelinan are still with DOC.

Guerrero and Cabrera had asked for the second amended complaint to be dismissed for failure to state a claim. Pangelinan did not join in that motion to dismiss.

In Cabrera's case, Manglona denied her motion to dismiss with respect to Manila's claim concerning delay in his cataract surgery.

Manglona, however, granted Cabrera's motion to dismiss any allegation of liability for the delay in Manila's surgery for retinal detachment.

Manila underwent eye surgery in Guam on Jan. 9, 2018. Four months later, Manila said he was examined and told that he is permanently losing vision in his left eye.

He said defendants denied and delayed his treatment, resulting in his blindness.

In her order resolving the motion to dismiss, Manglona said Guerrero maintains that none of Manila's exhibits show that he was aware of the need for retinal surgery.

Guerrero points out that the administrative regulations make the Division (not department) of Corrections "responsible for the healthcare of the prisoners in its custody."

Manglona said in sum, Guerrero argues that it was not his job to deal with day-to-day inmate medical issues.

As to whether the DOC commissioner or a subordinate director of the Division of Corrections had direct responsibility over major medical decisions, this is not a question that can be decided at this stage of the litigation, Manglona said

"It is not apparent from statutes and regulations in the public record that the commissioner lacks authority to take control of such a decision and could not, in fact, have been the ultimate decision maker in this instance," the judge said.

By statute, Manglona said, the commissioner is the top administrator of DOC, and the Department is "responsible for all adult correctional services."

Manglona said while the day-to-day operation of the adult correctional facility may fall to the director of the Division of Corrections, nothing in the DOC's enabling statute would prevent the commissioner from taking charge of a major decision concerning medical services, for which by statute he or she is ultimately responsible.

Furthermore, the judge said, the viability of the administrative regulations for the Division of Corrections, to which Guerrero refers for support, has been seriously called into question.

Manglona said whether Manila's medical crisis had come to the attention of the commissioner already during Guerrero's tenure, which must have ended in late November or early December 2015, is far from clear from the second amended complaint.

Manglona said Manila's opposition brief to the motion to dismiss adds a new allegation that Guerrero "arranged a hearing to the Board of Parole for commutation of my sentence."

Manila alleges that Guerrero wanted him released from DOC custody so that DOC won't have to respond to his medical need.

Manila further alleges that then-commissioner Guerrero called him into his office, along with Cabrera, and told him to direct any questions about his medical needs to then-Corrections captain Cabrera.

Manila alleged that Cabrera was involved in arranging for his sentence to be commuted.

Manglona said these new allegations require further amendment.

Manglona said without any clear indication in the actual pleadings that Guerrero was aware of Manila's condition during the remaining few weeks of his tenure as commissioner, the second amended complaint fails to state a claim against Guerrero personally and the claim against him must be dismissed.

The judge said Manila, however, is allowed to amend the complaint to allege Guerrero's role in seeking a commutation of plaintiff's sentence and his meeting with Guerrero and Cabrera.

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Program Year/ IDIS No.:	Program:	Activity Name:	Subrecipient:	Approved Budget:	Proposed Reprogramming Amount:	Proposed Revised Project Budget:	Current IDIS Funded Amount:
2018/691	CDBG	Rehabilitation of the Sinapalo Children's Park Roof	Rota Mayor's Office	$287,212.40		0.00	$287,212.40
		Total Reprogrammed from Activities:		**$287,212.40**	**($287,212.40)**		
2018	CDBG (New)	Purchase and Installation of lighting fixtures for Oleai Track and Field Facility	Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association	New	$287,212.40	N/A	N/A
		Total Reprogrammed to Activities:			**$287,212.40**		

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2018/687	CDBG	Rehabilitation of the Tinian Gymnasium Basketball Court	Office of the Tinian Mayor	$86,250.00	($50,000.00)	$36,250.00	$86,250.00
2018/689	CDBG	Rehabilitation of the Rota Youth Center	Department of Community and Cultural Affairs	$200,000.00	($200,000.00)	N/A	$200,000.00
2018/690	CDBG	Rehabilitation of the Tanapag Youth Center	Department of Community and Cultural Affairs	$200,000.00	($200,000.00)	N/A	$200,000.00
		Total Reprogrammed from Activities:		**$486,250.00**	**($450,000.00)**		
2018	CDBG	Purchase of Fire Pumper Trucks for the Department of Fire and Emergency Services	Department of Fire and Emergency Services		$450,000.00	N/A	N/A
		Total Reprogrammed to Activities:			**$450,000.00**		

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Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday May 29, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Northern Marianas College (NMC) Room A-1 in Tatachok, Rota.** The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda
d. Adoption of Minutes (February 28, 2019 and continued on March 07, 2019)
II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
a. Division Update Reports
IV. OLD BUSINESS
a. Personnel Regulations
b. Procurement Regulations
c. RFP for CNMI Fair Market Study
V. NEW BUSINESS
a. Family Self- Sufficiency Program Grant
b. CDBG-DR Staffing Capacity
c. RFP CDBG-DR Action Plan
d. FEMA Grant Applications
e. Telephone or Video Conferencing for Board Participation
VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT
VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
VIII. OTHER MATTERS
IX. ADJOURNMENT

(Notes: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13 (a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ **Aubry M. Hocog**
Chairwoman of the Board

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IN FATAL HIT-AND-RUN CASE

Judge wants to know defendant's financial ability before sentencing

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Before sentencing him, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho wants to know the finances of a man who had pleaded guilty in a hit-and-run case that killed a pedestrian in As Mahetog last year.

In his order, Camacho said the sentencing memorandum/briefs that both prosecution and the defense counsel have submitted in the case against David Desebel Kapileo lacks some information as to his financial ability, history as to restitution, court costs, and probation fees.

Camacho said he needs more information to be able to impose a "careful and individualized sentence."

He ordered the Office of Adult Probation to submit a presentence investigation report no later than July 12, 2019, and it should have information on Kapileo's present ability, or past history of paying restitution, court costs, probation fees, and others.

The sentencing hearing will be held on July 31 at 9am.

The 51-year-old Kapileo pleaded guilty last Jan. 30 to homicide by vehicle and reckless driving.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Kapileo with homicide by vehicle, driving while under the influence of alcohol, failing to stop after an accident causing injury or death, and reckless driving.

The OAG alleged that Kapileo was driving around 6:53pm on April 1, 2018, when he hit a pedestrian that led to the victim's death.

Police arrested Kapileo, a habitual offender, on May 28, 2018.

The victim, a 38-year-old Chinese male, was hit by a Mitsubishi Montero vehicle at the corner of Chalan Pale Arnold Road and As Mahetog near the Saipan Ice and Water Co. on April 1, 2018.

The victim was pronounced dead at the Commonwealth Health Center that same day.

Police said that, according to a witness, after the Montero hit the victim, the driver kept driving south, then made a left turn on Mihaville in Garapan.

Police found the vehicle seven hours later.

'MPLT decision time-sensitive but…'

By JON PEREZ
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House Speaker Blas Jonathan T. Attao (R-Saipan) knows the CNMI government is pressed for time when it comes to its request for a line of credit from the Marianas Public Land Trust.

However, he wants everything to be done right.

"Everything is time-sensitive. But, like what I always say, let's do this step by step. For the MPLT trustees to look at all of their options in order for them to fulfill their fiduciary duties and not get sued by anyone."

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres wants to obtain $15 million from MPLT to enable the Commonwealth government to pay its bond obligations and pay the Settlement Fund.

"We can't move without [MPLT] since the contract is between MPLT and the administration. We're just the facilitator. To allow the LOC or loan, or whatever term they may use in the end, we're just the vehicle that needs to push it through," Attao added.

He added that he recognizes that they should have introduced a bill where the loan amount is indicated. "But what if that is not going to happen? So, what if the amount that was included won't be accepted by MPLT? Or, what if I put $10 million but they come in to negotiations and they can go as high as $40 million?"

"The bill or the law would hamper that negotiation and it will make it look stupid. I don't want a bill that would look stupid. I want to know the amount so the bill would follow the amount. Then it is up to them [MPLT] how much [to loan out] at the end, or should we try do a ceiling that is allowable with MPLT? If we're going to do a ceiling, why not just remove that and allow it to happen?"

Attao introduced House Bill 21-44, which would establish a credit facility with the MPLT to help the government in addressing its bond obligations and fund payment to the NMI Settlement Fund.

The third-term lawmaker from Precinct 1 said the bond obligations and Settlement Fund payment are being paid by earmarked funds from the budget of the central government. "The Settlement Fund is a court order. What are we going to do if we do not pay that? Get sued more? It is an obligation that we can't not pay. But it also chokes the other distribution of funds that would have [gone to] other accounts to get paid. This is now our challenge.

"If we're allowed to get this LOC, it would service the bond and Settlement Fund. The money will trickle down to these accounts and we can at least have more economic activity going on. So, payments are being made out."

The MPLT board also needs to consult with their own legal counsel, Robert Torres, in order to make sure that their decision doesn't violate any laws and the agreement it would enter with the CNMI government would be made within the law.

Court rules in favor of Joeten Motors in claims vs estate

The Superior Court has ruled in favor of Joeten Motors Co. and denied the objection of the estate of Jesus Masga Dela Cruz relating to claims against the estate.

The administratrix, or caretaker, of the Dela Cruz estate objected to the claims made by Joeten Motors Co. against the estate, on the grounds that the claim is not supported by a final judgement, that the claim is barred by the statute of limitations, and that the claims is moot.

This comes soon after Joeten Motors submitted a notice of claim with the estate, pursuant to a vehicle debt that remains active even after Dela Cruz's passing.

In his ruling last May 9, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho stated that, because the claims are not barred or extinguished, the claims for interest and costs are not moot and are not denied.

The court found that the claims were supported by final judgments, as indicated in court docket cards. Also, citing rule 83(h) of the Northern Mariana Islands Rules of Civil Procedure, Camacho said this would make the collection of the debt proper.

The administratrix had argued that the summons from the court that was provided by Joeten Motors Co. was not a judgment, but because there was a judgment entered into docket cards back in 1994, the collection of the debt is proper, based on the Northern Mariana Islands Rules of Civil Procedure.

The court also found that because Joeten Motors provided evidence that the debt discussed in the judgment back 1994 has not been paid in full, the notice of claims is not barred by the 20-year deadline.

The administratrix had argued that Joeten Motors' claims notice is time-barred according to Commonwealth statutes because the claims notice was filed 24 years after the small claims were decided.

However, the court said that because Joeten Motors took action to collect the judgment, or debt, any time before the 20-year deadline, then the claim is not time barred.

Joeten Motors filed a notice of claims back in 2018 against Dela Cruz, who passed away in 2015.

The notice of claims is pursuant to a court judgment of $2,748.22 that was determined back in 1994 due to a debt Dela Cruz owed Joeten Motors for the purchase of a vehicle. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

Over 300 check out Mommy and Me Fun Night

PHOTOS BY ERWIN ENCINARES

Children are entertained with arts and crafts while adults are educated on self-care programs during the Mommy and Me Fun Night last Friday evening at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

Crowds of children with their parents show up at the Mommy and Me Fun Night.

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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Over 300 children and their parents checked out last Friday evening's 2nd Mommy and Me Fun Night at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

The event boasted several child-centric or kid-friendly booths that included the Community Guidance Center, the Crisis Counseling Program, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Women's Affairs Office, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Commonwealth Health Care Corp.'s Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and the Northern Marianas College, among several others.

Monique Sablan, the Office of the Governor's special assistant for the Youth Affairs Office, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that, while the exact number has not been confirmed, she recalls over 300 registered visitors for the evening.

"The whole focus of this event…is health, wellness, and self-care," Sablan said. "Every single booth has to do with making lives better for moms, mommy figures, daddy figures, or even [fathers] who play the double parent role."

"We also wanted to make sure that every single booth had something to offer to children, so while the parent is learning, the children are preoccupied with [booth activities]," she added.

Unlike last year, this year's Mommy and Me Fun Night included parental figures that did not just focus on mothers and their children. This year, Sablan said, the event was open to all families while also keeping the event as gender-neutral as possible for the children.

"I believe it is our job to deposit memories into a child's life. The role of my office is to develop and help [children] learn while promoting family and community development," Sablan said.

The one-night event provided children with a space and time with their parents while ensuring that they have fun.

Children play with cornholes at the outside of the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe during the Mommy and Me Fun Night.

Children are entertained with arts and crafts while adults are educated on self-care programs on Saipan during the Mommy and Me Fun Night last Friday evening.

Children with their parents flock to the Mommy and Me Fun Night registration area as early as 6pm last Friday evening.

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Both children and parents participate in a *mwar*-making booth.

Children are entertained with arts and crafts while adults are educated on self-care programs at the Mommy and Me Fun Night last Friday evening.

Commonwealth Casino Commission executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero, right, asks IPI chief executive officer Mark Brown, fourth from right, to clarify the amendments that IPI had asked the Lottery Commission for during the CCC meeting last Thursday at its office on Middle Road.

BEA CABRERA

Two IPI requests still pending with casino commission

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Early this month, Imperial Pacific International LCC asked the Lottery Commission to amend four items in the Casino License Agreement. At the Commonwealth Casino Commission meeting last Thursday at their newly renovated office on Middle Road, it was discussed that the Lottery Commission approved two out of the four requests.

First was IPI's request to have partners join them or integrated investors that will allow them to build rooms that will form part of 2,000 rooms and provide high-end amenities in the planned Marpi resort.

Casino Commission executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero said this request makes sense and was approved. "The commission sees no problem with that," he added.

The second request that was approved was for the Lottery Commission to allow the majority IPI shareholder, who currently maintains 51 percent ownership, to be lowered to 10 percent.

IPI chief executive officer Mark Brown then explained to the Casino Commission the two other requests that remain pending with the Lottery Commission.

One, IPI asked for an additional 18 months to complete construction of its Garapan Resort. "They deferred decision on that and want to put that on the side for now until the next meeting. We discussed how they wanted to give us a year extension in the past, which we turned down. This time around, we asked for 18 more months."

Brown told *Saipan Tribune* that IPI is trying its very best to complete the construction. "We are having all these troubles of getting construction workers." He pointed out that IPI would not be asking for the extension two years ago "if we got hold of the Marpi land, if we didn't have all these issues with typhoons, construction workers, H2-Bs, and 700 employees that had to go home."

Two years ago, Brown said, IPI wouldn't have asked for an additional year to complete the Garapan project by 2022, "as we were honest that the target of February 2021 was perfect."

"Now with all these happenings, it looks like we are asking for another extension, which we could have had it in the beginning," he added.

The fourth request by IPI is for the Lottery Commission to lower its U.S. hire ratio from 65 percent to 30 percent.

"We strive to reach 65 percent as it is a goal and best effort but…we have a lot of Asian [gamers] and we do need some Asian dealers and that's why some of the CWs have to be from Macau," Brown said.

The commission went to executive session to discuss further the details of the amendments that were requested.

PNG prime minister resigns after 7 years

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP)—Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Peter O'Neill has resigned after seven years on the job.

His announcement Sunday follows weeks of high-profile defections from his government to the opposition.

O'Neill said in a news conference in the capital of Port Moresby that recent movements in parliament have shown a "need for change."

He handed over his leadership to a former prime minister and current member of parliament, Sir Julius Chan.

On Friday, one of O Neill's key coalition allies abandoned him. The opposition bloc has since been saying it has 62 lawmakers in its camp, which would give it a majority in parliament.

The resignation will be formalized when O'Neill visits the governor-general, the official representative of Queen Elizabeth II.

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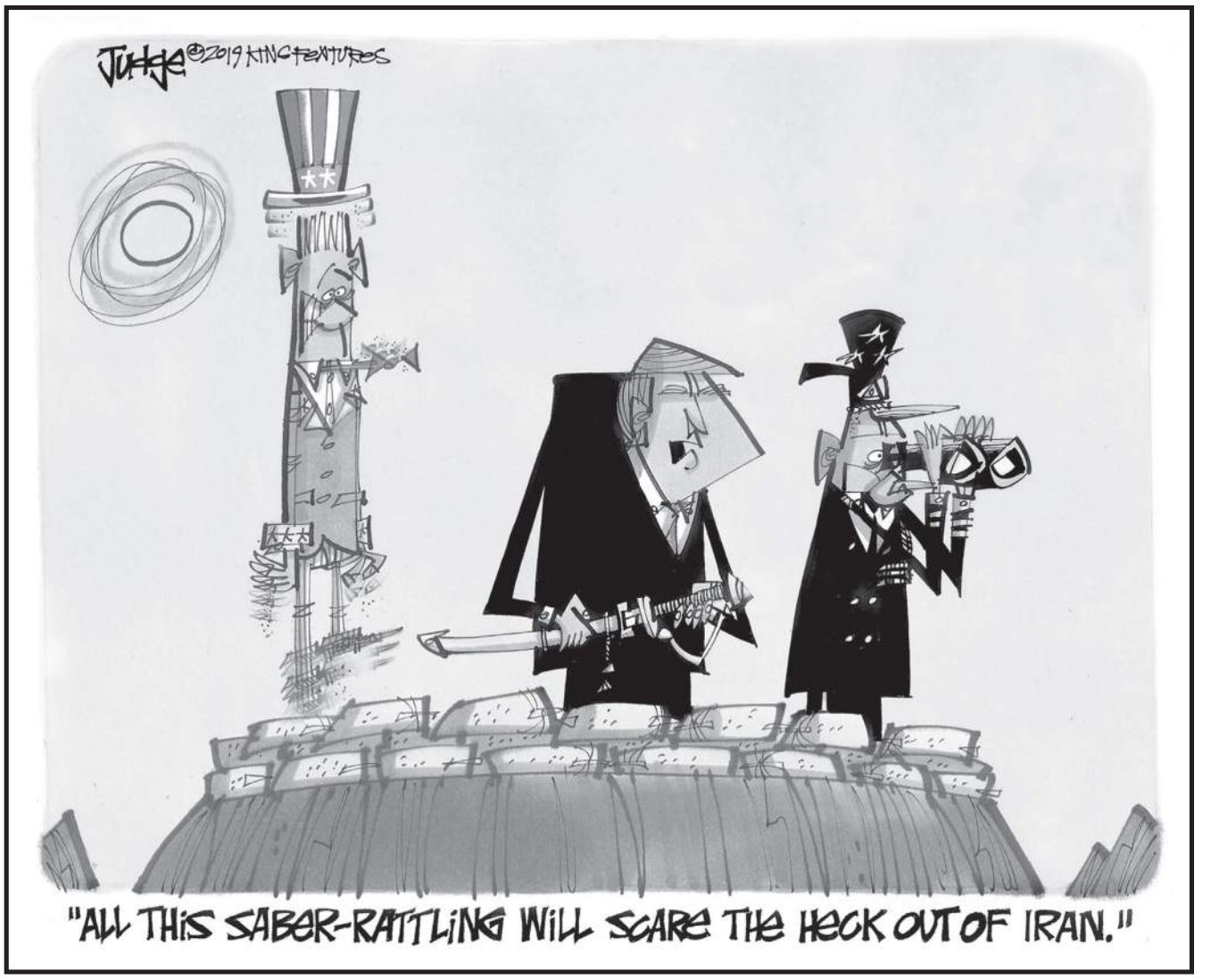

EDITORIAL

No pardons for US war criminals

The power of the president to pardon is absolute. There is no chance for review, except for Congress to remove the president if he exercises it without principle.

Presidents of both parties have misused their power. Usually, they have done so for political reasons, to reward supporters or contributors. It happened again last week, when President Donald Trump pardoned former newspaper publisher Conrad Black, who was convicted of fraud and obstruction of justice related to sales of his newspapers but later wrote a glowing biography of Trump, and former California Republican Assembly leader Patrick Nolan, who pleaded guilty to racketeering in a 1990s political corruption case but who also pleased Trump by criticizing the Russia investigation.

Trump has used his power more judiciously in pardoning deceased boxer Jack Johnson and commuting the sentence of Alice Johnson, a first-time nonviolent drug offender who served 21 years in prison.

But now Trump is considering a series of pardons that would be grotesque. He is preparing to grant clemency to current and former American servicemen accused of war crimes.

Let that sink in. These are men, some already convicted, who betrayed our nation's honor and integrity with their actions toward other countries' citizens.

Among them are:

■ Edward Gallagher, a Navy SEAL platoon leader scheduled to be tried soon on charges that he routinely sprayed machine-gun fire randomly into civilian neighborhoods in Iraq, killed an unarmed schoolgirl and an old man as a sniper, and stabbed to death a captured and wounded Islamic State fighter who was around 15 years old. Gallagher was turned in by seven fellow Navy SEAL commandos, who did so despite warnings from superiors that they could jeopardize their military futures.

■ Army veteran Nicholas Slatten, found guilty of first-degree murder in a notorious 2007 incident in which he and fellow Blackwater contractors opened fire in a Baghdad traffic circle and killed 14 unarmed civilians.

■ Mathew Golsteyn, an Army Green Beret major accused of killing a suspected Afghan bomb maker after the unarmed man had been released and then disposing his body in a burn pit. Golsteyn admitted to the killing in a TV interview.

■ Four Marines videotaped urinating on corpses of dead Taliban fighters, after which they were found guilty of dereliction of duty.

Charges of war crimes must be carefully considered. But two cases have resulted in convictions. The other two clearly are troubling. There was no valor here, no misunderstood motives, no defense of American values. These are not cases in which a president should feel compelled to grant a pardon. Doing so, especially for Gallagher, would send an awful signal to other military members about their commitment to honor and duty.

The fact that Trump apparently wants to do so as part of the commemoration of Memorial Day—the nation's formal recognition of the hundreds of thousands of Americans who gave their lives in honorable service to their country—is disgraceful.

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The silliness of the generation conflagration

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I've changed my mind (a little) about how we discuss generations.

First, let me illustrate my longstanding gripe.

"I am probably the biggest fan of the millennials you'll ever meet," retired Navy Adm. William McRaven, who oversaw the raid that killed Osama bin Laden, said in a recent CBS interview. Critics "talk about millennials being soft and pampered and entitled? Well, I'm quick to say that you've never seen them in a firefight in Afghanistan. ... This is a fabulous generation, and anybody that worries about the future of the United States, I don't think you need to worry."

I can't stand that kind of talk.

Imagine that I said, "I am probably the biggest critic of millennials you'll ever meet. Fans talk about millennials being brave and courageous. Well, I'm quick to say that you've never seen them mooching beer money in a 7-Eleven parking lot."

This might instantly strike you as unfair—and it is! That's the point.

There are about 83 million millennials, defined as Americans born between 1981 and 1996. It's difficult to generalize about a group of people this large. Within the ranks of millennials there are pro-life Mormons and pro-choice atheists. There are immigrants and descendants of the Mayflower settlers. Some obsess over the best way to make avocado toast, and some obsess over the best way to clean an M1 rifle.

I would leap at the opportunity to buy beer for the millennials who raided bin Laden's compound. But some random guy who was playing video games when bin Laden was taken out? He can buy his own beer.

In other words, characteristics can be generalized, but character is formed by individual deeds. There is no transitive property to glory or blame. A hero in one generation isn't less heroic because of the misdeeds of someone else his age. Generational pride is the cheapest form of identity politics.

On the other hand, it's true that you can make some useful generalizations about various generations. There are roughly as many millennials in America as there are Germans in Germany. And while painting "the Germans" with too broad a brush can have its pitfalls, there are still some things you can say about Germans that you can't say about Swedes or Costa Ricans. So it is with any generation.

Joseph Sternberg, an editorial writer for The Wall Street Journal, has a new book, "The Theft of a Decade: How the Baby Boomers Stole the Millennials' Economic Future." He casts a thoughtful, nuanced and important light on the plight of millennials. Crucially, Sternberg does it from a center-right, pro-market perspective rather than from the more familiar center-left view that often gets mired in larger identity-politics formulations.

Millennials entered the workforce in large numbers around the time of the financial crisis of 2007-2008 and the deep recession that followed it. That, along with policies in areas such as housing and education pushed by allegedly self-interested baby boomers, had dire consequences for a large swath of young people. Entering the labor market during a severe downturn puts a drag on lifetime earnings. Saddling yourself with college loan debt can, too.

Sternberg's argument that millennials—whether they fought in Afghanistan or not—have legitimate complaints about how the system is failing them strikes me as a valuable and worthwhile form of generational stereotyping. It's rooted in empirical facts and figures.

But Sternberg's attempt to blame the boomers for the millennials' travails strikes me as the wrong kind of generational stereotyping. And I say that as a Gen Xer for whom bashing baby boomers is a birthright.

I have no doubt that some of the policy missteps Sternberg lays at the feet of the boomers can be attributed to certain generational attitudes. (They were the damn hippies, after all.) But many of those attitudes were inherited from the "Greatest Generation" or earlier.

More to the point, the policies the boomers implemented were hotly debated among boomers themselves, and virtually none of them expressly argued from a desire to self-deal for their own generation at the expense of others. Just as there are millennial socialists and millennial anarcho-capitalists, there are boomers in those categories as well. If we're going to assign blame—and why not?—it's more helpful to put it on those who were wrong rather than indicting an entire generation of some 75 million people.

If it's wrong to demonize millennials, it's probably wrong to demonize the boomers, too.

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'Game of Thrones' has nothing on this

MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES/TNS
U.S. President Donald Trump waves as he walks toward Marine One before departing from the White House on May 14, 2019 in Washington, DC.

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WASHINGTON—It is becoming highly likely that Donald Trump will be impeached. But it is just as likely he will not be removed from office.

In the byzantine world of D.C. politics, House Democrats are now fervidly divided on whether to start impeachment proceedings, even with proponents knowing full well the Senate Republicans will either ignore what the House does or vote against conviction.

Meanwhile, the Trump White House is doing everything possible to ignore Congress, from outright ridicule, to ignoring subpoenas, to denying routine requests for information, to forbidding aides to appear on Capitol Hill, to refusing to make a deal on infrastructure. It is a power struggle, with the executive branch determined to become more powerful than the legislative branch, not what the Founding Fathers intended.

Trump openly is taunting Congress and inviting impeachment, knowing that Senate Republicans will protect him. He will then claim he was "exonerated" and run again for president in 2020, just as he falsely claimed the Mueller report found him innocent of obstruction of justice. It did not. Oddly, most members of Congress have not even read the Mueller report although it was read aloud on the House floor to get past Trump administration efforts to quash it and prevent open testimony in Congress about it.

"Game of Thrones" intrigue and corruption have nothing on Politics along the Potomac except that reputations are being slaughtered, not bodies.

You think there was and is no Russian collusion? Get this: Washington imposed economic sanctions on Russian oligarchs for helping the Russian attack on U.S. elections in 2016 and beyond. The Trump administration exempted Oleg Deriposka, a billionaire buddy of Russian dictator Vladimir Putin. Deriposka is also a Trump supporter and former business partner of (jailed) Trump campaign manager Paul Manfort who owed the Russian $17 million.

The House voted overwhelmingly to reinstate sanctions against Dariposka. But under the urging of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the Senate let the exemption stand and said Deriposka could continue to do business in the U.S.

About the same time, David Vitter, a lobbyist and former GOP member of Congress ousted after a tawdry sex scandal, told McConnell that a Deriposka-connected company would build a huge $200 million aluminum plant in McConnell's home state. Not long after that, the Senate approved Vitter's wife for a lifetime seat on the federal bench despite huge cries that she is unqualified. The new Judge Vitter is a staunch Louisiana anti-abortion activist who refuses to say whether she agrees with the landmark school desegregation decision Brown v. Board of Education.

Yes, the Trump administration's agenda is to get as many anti-abortion judges in place as possible, pass slews of strict state anti-abortion laws and ultimately overturn Roe v. Wade, which has made abortion legal since 1973 and is supported by seven out of 10 Americans.

Trump's goal is to make as much money as possible as president and ride the carefully choreographed anti-abortion wave into a second term with the support of his solid base.

Trump's problem is that he is running afoul of actual laws aimed at preventing people from using the presidency to become as wealthy as all the other autocrats around the world. And the number of friendly court decisions he can count on is finite, no matter how much court-packing he does.

Thus, he is running out the clock, using every delaying strategy he and his henchmen (such as Attorney General Bill Barr) can devise. Trump is also bad-mouthing every Democrat and the one or two Republicans who get in his way and desperately trying to prevent his tax and accounting records from being seen despite the clear intent of the law that they be made public. (And the confidential IRS memo that Trump has no right to keep the documents out of congressional hands.)

Democrats are torn between not wanting to let Trump get away with making a precedent-setting mockery of the presidency and the rule of law and not playing into his hands by starting an impeachment process they cannot win, even if they convince a reluctant public that impeachment is necessary to save the Constitution. If impeachment dominates the political arena, Democrats' hopes of talking about income inequality, health care and other economic concerns of most American families go unrealized. If the public doesn't want Trump impeached, Democrats will pay the price at the polls.

"Game of Thrones" is over but, honestly, you couldn't make up the serious stuff that is unfolding in your nation's capital.

Let's take care in trying to kill news sites

The Poynter Institute is a journalism school and research center that owns the Tampa Bay Times in Florida and has stood tall for journalistic excellence in multiple, impressive ways for years now. Sadly, it recently clip-clopped backward to the point of tripping over an inanity and falling on its head.

We want true news, Poynter had been saying, but what it gave us was fake news about fake news, telling us 515 websites were guilty and should be pushed out of business, a tactic synonymous with oppression of the press. The list was reportedly put together largely from statistics merged from varied fact check sites and immediately upon release was identified as bogus.

Some of the "lying" news sites, after all, were highly reputable sources of splendidly edited, honest, well-researched stories and commentary, as anyone the least bit familiar with the industry would know. The composition of the list of mainly conservative sites had to have been careless and any vetting a matter of closed eyes and ear plugs.

Poynter, which withdrew the list with apologies, is conceding recklessness and says it will do a lot better next time, although I for one do not think there should be a next time. First off, if you're going to publish such a list, you ought to spend time looking carefully at just about each and every widely used site on the internet and not just throw a lot of questionable data together in some kind of mishmash.

That's a nearly impossible task, especially if you heed my next advice, which is do not rely too much on fact checkers.

Some sites are darned good at the chore and considerable usefulness resides within the effort, but there are problems. What you often get is the same debatable interpretations that you get in opinion pieces that admit to being opinion pieces. Sources can be questionable. Bias can raise its hand. Games played with the word "truth" are indeed games.

The sort of thing you can run into in their investigations is the claim that, even though Hillary Clinton said she was for "open borders" in a long-hidden speech to Brazilian bankers, "open borders" does not mean "open borders." At any rate, some seemed to be telling us, she was not saying she was for open borders unless you take her words as evidence. I simplify, though not much.

Then there's the suspicion of ideological bias when most of those assigned guilt were conservative sites and not a few reasonable suspects are sites managed by socialist or far-left zanies. To be sure, I have no idea how the numbers would work out in a truly meticulous study. I do basically trust Poynter if definitely not the way this project was carried out.

Finally, there is this reprehensible Poynter advice to advertisers supplying the 515 sites with the monetary means for their alleged villainy: Quit it. Yes, Poynter and other media lovers should reveal falsehood as falsehood, demand more accuracy from the 99% of us who do make mistakes and argue with ideas they find amiss. But let people speak. If you can shut them up, others can do it too, in other directions. It can help to inform the citizenry by subjecting certain outlets to intense analysis, but don't try to arrange their financial funerals.

Let me end by saying I appreciate much of Poynter's work, not least the way it analyzed the Obama administration's spying on reporters and threatening jail in cases of reporters trying to safeguard the identity of sources giving them classified material.

I also recognize that we are in a state of media confusion. But here, in my view, was a step too far.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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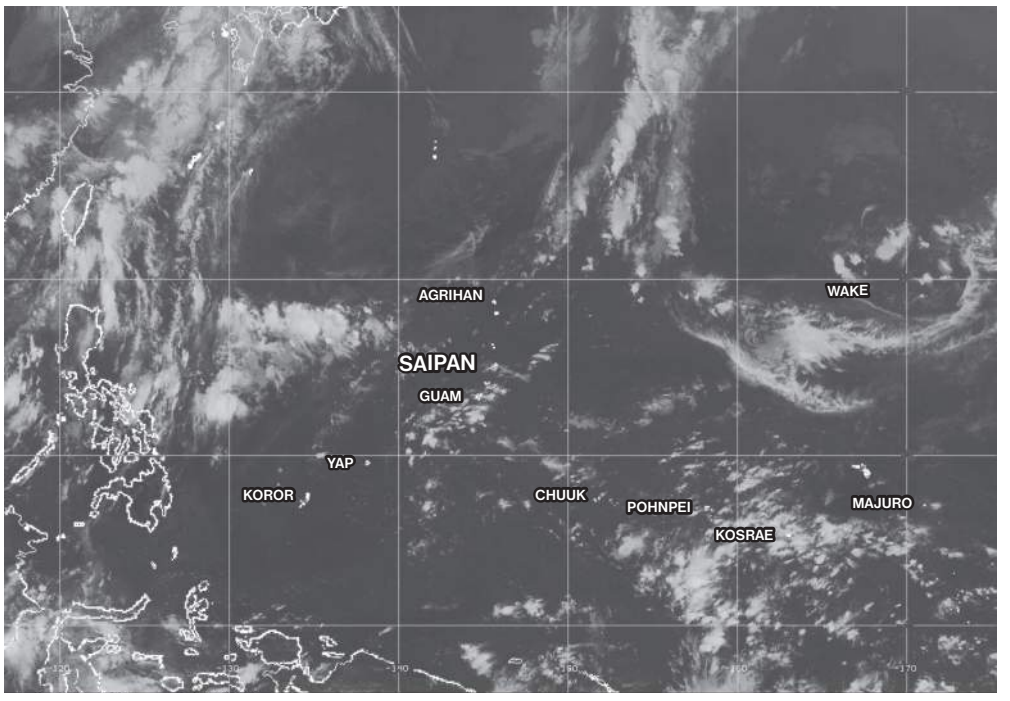
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A trough has moved to the west of the Marianas but a few showers persist in the area. The stationary front sits well to the northwest over the Philippine Sea. An upper-level low is found near Yap while an upper-level trough is found over the stationary front.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	88° / 80°
Palau	Thunderstorms	87° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	89° / 81°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 81°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	64° / 55°
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	91° / 64°
Hong Kong	Showers	82° / 77°
Honolulu	Showers	86° / 74°
London	Showers	63° / 46°
Los Angeles	Sunny	69° / 57°
Manila	Thunderstorms	95° / 81°
Melbourne	Showers	52° / 45°
Miami	Sunny	84° / 78°
New York	Partly Cloudy	64° / 60°
Osaka	Rain	75° / 63°
Paris	Showers	63° / 46°
Busan	Mostly Sunny	77° / 61°
Rome	Rain	66° / 59°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	95° / 70°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	63° / 53°
Seoul	Cloudy	79° / 54°
Tokyo	Rain	73° / 63°
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3:26 AM	LOW TIDE	1.78
9:59 AM	HIGH TIDE	0.90
2:49 PM	LOW TIDE	1.31
9:09 PM	HIGH TIDE	0.51

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Friday	5:45 AM	6:43 PM
Saturday	5:45 AM	6:43 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	1:25 AM	1:26 PM	-
Wednesday	2:02 AM	2:14 PM	-
Thursday	2:39 AM	3:01 PM	-
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Saturday	3:56 AM	4:43 PM	-

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:15am	9:56am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 3, 5, 7
7C3451	3:30am	6:30am	4

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ62	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	2, 4, 5
7C3403	5:10am	8:55am	1, 7
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:55am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA117/183	9:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:10am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:35am	8:25am	1
UO43	5:50am	8:40am	3, 5, 7
UA117/159	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:30am	8:12am	Daily
UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	2, 4, 6, 7
7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	3

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	09:30am	3:10pm	Daily
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 3, 4
7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	6, 7

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:55pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	2:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA192/174	9:45pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174	10:25pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/174	11:30pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	00:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:25pm	1:20am+1	7
UO42	9:25pm	4:20am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/174	10:45pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Business

Young homebuyers scramble as prices rise faster than incomes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—For millennials looking to buy their first home, the hunt feels like a race against the clock.

In the seven years since the housing crash ended, home values in more than three-quarters of U.S. metro areas have climbed faster than incomes, according to an Associated Press analysis of real estate industry data provided by CoreLogic.

That gap is driving some first-timers out of the most expensive cities as well as pressuring them to buy something before they are completely priced out of the market.

The high cost of home ownership is also putting extreme pressure on 20- and 30-somethings as they try to balance mortgage payments, student loans, child care and their careers.

"They do want all the same things that previous generations want," said Daryl Fairweather, chief economist for the brokerage Redfin. "They just have more roadblocks, and they're going to have to come up with more creative solutions to get the homes that they want."

AP

In this April 27, 2019, photo, Andy and Stacie Proctor stand in front of their new home in Vineyard, Utah. For some millennials looking to buy their first home, the hunt feels like a race against the clock. The Proctors ultimately made a successful offer on a three-bedroom house for $438,000 in Vineyard.

A Redfin analysis found these buyers are leaving too-hot-to-touch big-city markets—among them, San Francisco and Seattle, where the tech boom has sent housing prices into the stratosphere. The brokerage found that many millennials are instead buying in more reasonably priced neighborhoods around places like Salt Lake City, Oklahoma City and Raleigh, North Carolina. That, in turn, is driving up housing prices in those communities.

Jake and Heather Rice, both 35, moved to Utah last year from Mountain View, California, where the biggest employers are tech giants such as Google, Symantec and Intuit and the median home price is a dizzying $1.4 million or so.

The couple and their three children settled into a 4,500-square-foot house in fast-growing Farmington, just far enough away from Salt Lake City to feel rural but minutes from a major shopping center and Heather's sister. They did not disclose the purchase price for the sake of privacy, but they said their monthly mortgage payments will be $3,000, roughly the same as the rent for their former two-bedroom, 1,000 square-foot apartment in Mountain View.

"We didn't expect to stay in California because of how ludicrous the prices had become," said Jake, a mechanical engineer who works in the medical device sector.

Nationally, home prices since 2000 have climbed at an annual average rate of 3.8%, according to the data firm CoreLogic, while average incomes have grown at an annual rate of 2.7%. And in the metro areas with the strongest income growth—for example, parts of Silicon Valley—home prices have risen even faster.

The Salt Lake City area is among the hottest spots for first-time buyers in part because of a staggering burst of home construction and a surge of high-tech jobs. The suburb of Lehi, which served as a film location for the 1984 Kevin Bacon movie "Footloose," about a rural town that banned dancing, is in what is now known as "Silicon Slopes" because Adobe, eBay and Microsoft have opened offices there.

Of course, the influx of people from unaffordable cities is contributing to the very problem they were trying to escape: Home prices in the greater Salt Lake City area surged 10.8% in the past year, while average incomes rose only 3.9%, according to figures from CoreLogic and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Scott Robbins, president of the Salt Lake Board of Realtors, sees the price growth as having changed the habits of first-time buyers. They are putting less money down and carrying more debt. And some first-time buyers are looking at condos and duplexes instead of houses.

There is also more pressure on families to earn two incomes, rather than letting one choose to be the stay-at-home parent. This could be a particular challenge in the Salt Lake City area, where families are generally larger, mostly because of the influence of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and about 28% of the population is under 18, compared with nearly 24% nationwide.

"The one thing that really would make it even more sustainable is if wages would increase," Robbins said. "Whereas before you could have a young couple buy a place and only one of them would work. Now, you need both of them to work."

Andy and Stacie Proctor made a bid on a house in the Salt Lake City suburbs, only to rescind it upon learning there were 13 rival offers. At one point, they almost decided not to buy a house just yet, figuring the bubble was going to burst eventually, said Andy, a 35-year-old who hosts the podcast "More Happy Life."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

French government cautious on Fiat-Chrysler-Renault hookup

PARIS (AP)—France's government is sounding a note of caution about a possible alliance between French automaker Renault and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. Both companies are in talks about a tie-up, as major carmakers around the world try to share the significant costs of developing autonomous and electric vehicles. Renault's board is meeting Monday morning. The French state owns 15% of Renault, and a French official said Sunday that the state will only agree to a potential alliance with Fiat Chrysler if it makes sense for jobs and France's national interests. The official told The Associated Press that Japanese authorities have also been informed, and that France would prefer a tie-up within the existing Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi alliance. The official wasn't authorized to be named discussing talks that haven't been made public.

Judge: County's property tax error cost taxpayers millions

CLEVELAND (AP)—A judge says about 3,000 Ohio property owners are owed millions because of a decade-old error calculating property taxes. Cuyahoga County Judge John O'Donnell says members of a class-action lawsuit alleging property tax overcharging in 2009, 2010 and 2011 are owed $3.9 million in restitution. The judge said in a ruling last month that the award includes more than $870,000 in interest. O'Donnell said attorneys representing the taxpayers should receive half the amount or about $2.4 million of the total. The Plain Dealer reports the county disagrees with the ruling and has appealed. Taxpayers who sued blamed erroneous tax bills and delays in a county tax revision board's administrative process. The county says that property owners could have used the administrative process to sort out discrepancies in property tax bills.

Businessman Dan Gilbert recovering after stroke symptoms

DETROIT (AP)—Billionaire businessman Dan Gilbert is recovering after suffering symptoms of a stroke and seeking hospital care. Officials with Detroit-based Quicken Loans said in a statement that Gilbert "received immediate medical attention and is currently recovering comfortably" after going to a hospital early Sunday. Gilbert is the company's founder and chairman. The company said Gilbert's family requests privacy at this time. Gilbert also is majority owner of the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers. The Detroit News reports that his hospitalization comes a month before his Rocket Mortgage is to host Detroit's first PGA Tour event. It also follows his launch of a ballot drive just days earlier to push auto insurance reform in Michigan. The state Legislature passed a landmark insurance reform bill Friday.

Greek prime minister calls for early election after EU loss

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras called for an early national election following the defeat of his party at the European Parliament elections.

Tsipras said from the Syriza party offices that "the result does not rise to our expectations ... I will not ignore it or quit."

Tsipras credited his government for pulling the country out of the austerity imposed by Greece's creditors and said that voting for Sunday's winner, the conservative New Democracy, would be turning back to "the darkness of austerity, the darkness off crisis, the oligarchs, the International Monetary Fund."

The government's term expires in October and before Sunday night's announcement, government officials insisted that elections would be held at the end of the term. But a long and, it is said, contentious meeting of government ministers and party officials, ended with the announcement of the early election.

Tsipras said he will visit the Greek president to request the early dissolution of parliament after the second round of local and regional elections on June 2.

This puts the election date at June 30 at the earliest.

In the run-up to the election, Tsipras brought to Parliament a series of measures that amounted to handouts and defied the conservatives to vote against them. They did not, but accused Tsipras of a desperate gambit for votes.

With just over a third of voting precincts reporting, New Democracy is leading with 33.62% to Syriza's 23.86%. The socialists of the Movement for Change follow with 7.16%, ahead of the Communist Party (5.75, the far-right Golden Dawn (4.86%), the hard-line nationalist Greek Solution (4.04%) and Diem25, the pan-European movement of Syriza's first finance minister Yanis Varoufakis (3.15%). If the results hold, New Democracy will win seven European Parliament seats; Syriza will get six; the socialists, the communists and Golden Dawn two each; and Greek Solution and Diem25 one each.

New Democracy also stands to make important gains in the second round of the local and regional elections next Sunday.

Nation

Tornadoes rake 2 Oklahoma cities, killing 2 and injuring 29

EL RENO, Okla. (AP)—A tornado leveled a motel and tore through a mobile home park near Oklahoma City overnight, killing two people and injuring at least 29 others before a second twister raked a suburb of Tulsa more than 100 miles (160 kilometers) away, authorities said Sunday.

The first tornado touched down in El Reno, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) west of Oklahoma City, late Saturday night. It crossed an interstate and walloped the American Budget Value Inn before ripping through the Skyview Estates trailer park, flipping and leveling homes, Mayor Matt White said at a news conference.

"It's a tragic scene out there," White said, adding later that, "People have absolutely lost everything." He said the city established a GoFundMe site, the City of El Reno Tornado Relief Fund, for affected families. Several other businesses were also damaged, though not to the same extent as the motel.

The two people who were killed were in the mobile home park, White said. He did not provide additional details about them. The 29 people who were injured were taken to hospitals, where some were undergoing surgery. Some of the injuries were deemed critical, he said.

The National Weather Service gave the tornado an EF3 rating, meaning it had wind speeds of 136-165 mph (219-266 kph). Personnel who investigated the damage said the tornado began around 10:28 p.m. Saturday and lasted for four minutes. The tornado was about 75 yards wide at its widest point and was on the ground for 2.2 miles (3.5 kilometers).

The tornado was spawned by a powerful storm system that rolled through the state—the latest in a week of violent storms to hit the flood-weary Plains and Midwest that have been blamed for at least 11 deaths, including the two killed in El Reno.

Early Sunday, another tornado destroyed several buildings and downed trees and power lines in the Tulsa suburb of Sapulpa, which is 110 miles (177 kilometers) northeast of El Reno. Pete Snyder, a hydrometeorological technician with the weather service in Tulsa, said crews were assessing damage to determine the tornado's rating. The area also experienced damage from strong straight-line winds, he said.

The Sapulpa Police Department said on its Facebook page that it hadn't heard of any deaths and that only a few minor injuries had been reported.

Residents wandered around after sunrise to survey the damage, carefully avoiding fallen utility poles that blocked some streets. Among the buildings that were destroyed was a historic railroad building built in the early 1900s that the Farmers Feed Store had been using for storage. A furniture store's warehouse was also destroyed.

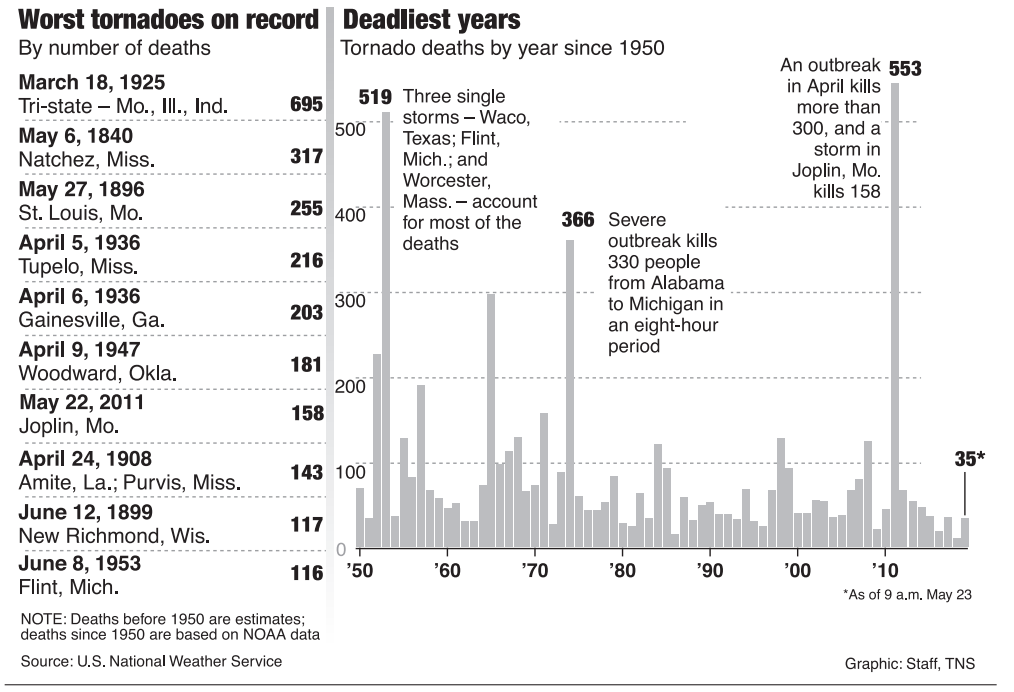
In El Reno, emergency crews sifted through the rubble at the trailer park and motel, where the second story collapsed into a pile of debris strewn about the first floor and parking lot.

Tweety Garrison, 63, told The Associated Press that she was in her mobile home with her husband, two young grandchildren and a family friend when she heard the storm coming and immediately hit the ground.

Part of a roof is exposed at the American Budget Value Inn after a tornado moved through the area in El Reno, Okla., Sunday, May 26, 2019. AP

Powerful twisters

No country is safe from the peril of tornadoes, but the United States sees more than any other. Here is a look at the top 10 deadliest U.S. tornadoes.



Moments later, she heard her neighbor's mobile home slam into hers before it flipped over and landed on her roof.

Garrison said the incident lasted five to 10 minutes and that she received a tornado warning on her phone but the sirens didn't go off until after the twister hit.

Her 32-year-old son, Elton Garrison, said he heard the wailing tornado sirens and had just laid down at home about a half-mile (1 kilometer) away when his phone rang. He recognized his mother's number, but there was no voice on the other end when he answered. "I thought, 'That's weird,'" he said.

Then his mother called back, and delivered a chilling message: "We're trapped."

He said when he arrived at his parents' home, he found it blocked by debris and sitting with another trailer on top of it. He began clearing a path to the home so that he could eventually lift a portion of an outside wall just enough so that all five occupants could slip beneath it and escape.

"My parents were in there and two of my kids, one 9 and the other 12. ... My main emotion was fear," said Elton Garrison, who has lived in El Reno for about 26 years. "I couldn't get them out of there quick enough."

He said he wasn't alarmed by the warning sirens when he first heard them at home.

"We hear them all the time here, so it didn't seem like a big deal. ... I heard a lot of rain with the wind. But when it kind of got calm all of a sudden, that's when it didn't feel right."

He said his parents had only recently recovered after losing their previous home to a fire a few years ago.

"Now this," he said, before expressing gratitude that everyone inside his parents' home had emerged without serious injury.

Federal judge blocks Trump from building sections of border wall

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A federal judge has blocked President Donald Trump from building key sections of his border wall with money secured under his declaration of a national emergency, delivering what may prove a temporary setback on one of his highest priorities.

U.S. District Judge Haywood Gilliam Jr.'s order, issued Friday, prevents work from beginning on two of the highest-priority, Pentagon-funded wall projects—one spanning 46 miles (74 kilometers) in New Mexico and another covering 5 miles (8 kilometers) in Yuma, Arizona.

On Saturday, Trump pledged to file an expedited appeal of the ruling.

Trump, who is visiting Japan, tweeted: "Another activist Obama appointed judge has just ruled against us on a section of the Southern Wall that is already under construction. This is a ruling against Border Security and in favor of crime, drugs and human trafficking. We are asking for an expedited appeal!"

While Gilliam's order applied only to those first-in-line projects, the judge made clear that he felt the challengers were likely to prevail at trial on their argument that the president was wrongly ignoring Congress' wishes by diverting Defense Department money.

ACROSS THE NATION

Baby found alive with dead parents in Michigan motel room

WHITEHALL, Mich. (AP)—Michigan State Police say a trooper found a dehydrated 6-month-old baby at a motel in the western part of the state in the same room with her dead parents. WOOD-TV reported that a cause of death wasn't immediately clear and it may take weeks until toxicology results are in. The trooper discovered the bodies Friday at the Rodeway Inn near Whiteball after responding to a request for a well-being check. Authorities say the baby girl, named Skylah, could have been alone for three days. Police identified the parents as 26-year-old Jessica Bramer, of Grand Rapids and 28-year-old Christian Reed, of Marne. Skylah was in critical condition at a Grand Rapids hospital Saturday and was expected to fully recover. It wasn't clear who might take custody of the girl.

Woman dies, 10 officers hurt when vehicles crash in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP)—An 84-year-old woman has died after being injured in a Chicago crash that involved multiple vehicles and also hurt 10 police officers. The Chicago Tribune reports that two Chicago police vehicles were in a crash with several other vehicles around 10 p.m. Saturday in the Austin neighborhood on the city's West Side. Twelve people were injured, including 10 Chicago police officers. Police say the 10 officers and a man and woman who were both civilians were taken to a hospital. Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi confirmed in a tweet Sunday evening that the woman has died and he offered condolences to the family. In a tweet earlier Sunday, he said the officers' injuries were not believed to be life-threatening. Police have not released the details of the crash.

3 hurt in log ride crash at California amusement park

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP)—Authorities say three members of a family were injured, one critically, when they were ejected from the log ride at a Southern California amusement park. Fire officials say the ride malfunctioned and one of the log-shaped vessels overturned Saturday at Castle Park in Riverside. Officials say riders were thrown from the vessel and trapped in the water. Fire Capt. Brian Guzzetta says a woman was hospitalized in critical condition. A man and 10-year-old boy were treated at a hospital for minor injuries. Guzzetta says a pump apparently malfunctioned, preventing the flow of water onto the track. He says when the log descended from one of the falls, there wasn't enough water to slow it down and it crashed. The log ride is closed during an investigation but Castle Park will remain open through the weekend.

Asia

Thousands in Hong Kong commemorate 1989 Tiananmen protests

AP

Pro-democracy protesters carry placards with Chinese reads "Vindicate June 4th" and "Put an end to one-party Dictatorship" during a demonstration in Hong Kong, Sunday, May 26, 2019.

HONG KONG (AP)—More than 2,000 people marched in Hong Kong on Sunday to mark 30 years since a pro-democracy protest in Beijing's Tiananmen Square ended in bloodshed.

Demonstrators took to the streets holding yellow umbrellas that read "Support Freedom, Oppose Evil Laws." Some people carried a black coffin, while others wheeled white crosses and the numbers 6 and 4—a nod to the day on June 4, 1989, when leaders of China's ruling Communist Party ordered the military to re-take Tiananmen Square from student-led protesters.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of unarmed protesters and onlookers were killed late on June 3 and in the early hours of June 4 as a result of the martial action.

Commemorations of the historic event are strictly banned in mainland China, and those who attempt to raise awareness of or merely discuss it are often punished by authorities. Groups such as the "Tiananmen Mothers" are pressured to stay quiet about the children they lost, while others are detained for making even subtle tributes to the occasion.

The semi-autonomous territory of Hong Kong, however, holds yearly vigils and other gatherings to remember the deceased and pay tribute to the spirit of the protests.

This year in Hong Kong, the march took on additional significance as opposition to changes to an extradition law widely seen as eroding the territory's independent legal system.

Revisions to the law would make it easier to send criminal suspects to mainland China, where critics say they could face vague national security charges and unfair trials.

"Recently, we are facing the challenge of this (extradition law), which affects our basic freedom and liberty," said Albert Ho, who organized Sunday's march. He is chairman of the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China.

"The dedication and the commitment to fight for democracy and human rights is the only way out," said Ho, who added that he hopes more people will become aware of the situation facing Hong Kong as legislators debate the proposed amendments.

Trump says he backs Japan's efforts to talk with Iran

TOKYO (AP)—President Donald Trump said Monday that he would back the Japanese prime minister's efforts to open communications with Iran, citing Japan's good relations with the U.S. nemesis in the Middle East.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is considering a visit to Iran next month amid rising tensions between Tehran and Washington over Iran's nuclear program and destabilizing activities in the region.

Trump, who has said that he's open to having a dialogue with Iran, has sought to downplay fears of military conflict, but the Iranians have said they have no interest in communicating with the White House.

"I know that the prime minister and Japan have a very good relationship with Iran so we'll see what happens," Trump said while meeting in Tokyo with Abe.

"The prime minister's already spoken to me about that and I do believe that Iran would like to talk. And if they'd like to talk, we'd like to talk also. We'll see what happens ... nobody wants to see terrible things happen, especially me."

Trump has imposed tough new sanctions on Iran, which are crippling its economy. Late last week, he announced the deployment of 1,500 U.S. troops to the region amid escalating tension in the region.

Trump held discussions with Abe on Iran, North Korea, trade and other issues after becoming the first world leader to meet Japan's new emperor, Naruhito, who ascended to the throne May 1.

Trump's "state call" opened with handshakes and greetings from Naruhito, and his wife, Empress Masako. As he approached the emperor, Trump said, "How are you? Thank you very much." The first lady told the empress, "Nice to meet you."

The president, who is on a four-day state visit, was the center of attention at a grand outdoor welcome ceremony where he took a solo walk down red carpets, reviewing Japanese troops as the guest of honor.

Trump showed little emotion, but waved near schoolchildren feverishly waving U.S. and Japanese flags. Some of the children suffered from the heat and were later seen siting with cups of water and cool compresses on their foreheads.

At the White House last week, Trump noted the significance of his meeting with the emperor. Naruhito took the throne after his father stepped down, the first abdication in Japan's royal family in about two centuries.

"It's a very big thing going on with the emperor. It's something that hasn't happened in over 200 years," Trump said. "With all the countries of the world, I'm the guest of honor at the biggest event that they've had in over 200 years."

It was Abe, not the emperor, who invited the president—a move meant to curry favor with the Trump who is threatening to impose potentially devastating tariffs on Japan's auto industry.

He has suggested he will impose the levies if the U.S. can't win concessions from Japan and the European Union. Japan's trade surplus surged almost 18% in April to 723 billion yen ($6.6 billion).

Trump said he wants to get "the balance of trade ... straightened out rapidly."

"I think we will be announcing some things probably in August that will be very good for both countries," Trump said, adding that Japan has "been doing much more business with us and we'd like to do a little bit more business in the reverse."

On North Korea, Trump said he had a good feeling that the nuclear standoff with North Korea will be resolved.

"I may be right, I may be wrong. But I feel that. We've come a long way. There' been no rocket testing, there's been no nuclear testing," Trump said.

This month, North Korea fired off a series of short-range missiles, which national security adviser John Bolton said were violations of U.N. Security Council resolutions.

North Korea calls Bolton 'war monger' over missile comment

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea on Monday called U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton a "war monger" and "defective human product" after he called the North's recent tests of short-range missile a violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions.

The statement by an unnamed North Korean foreign ministry spokesman came as President Donald Trump continued his visit to Japan for meetings with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in which the nuclear standoff with North Korea was expected to be high on the agenda.

Bolton told reporters in Tokyo on Saturday that there was "no doubt" that North Korea's recent launches violated U.N. resolutions, and that sanctions against the North must be kept in place.

North Korea tested short-range ballistic missiles on May 4 and 9, ending a pause in launches that began in late 2017. The tests have been seen as a way for North Korea to pressure Washington to soften its stance on easing sanctions against it without actually causing the negotiations to collapse.

In the statement carried by Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency, the North Korean spokesman said that the North was rightfully exercising its rights for self-defense with the launches.

"Demanding us to ban all launches using ballistic technology regardless of range is same with asking us to relinquish our rights for self-defense," the spokesman said. "Bolton should not be called a security adviser who works to secure security, but an adviser for security destruction who destroys peace and security. It's not that strange that crooked sound will always come out the mouth of a man who is structurally flawed, and it's best that this defective human product goes away as soon as possible."

The statement came as South Korea began its annual summertime defense drills involving thousands of civilians and troops that have been modified to exclude large-scale military exercises with the United States, which were suspended to create space for diplomacy with the North.

World

Magnitude 8 earthquake strikes Amazon jungle in Peru

LIMA, Peru (AP)—A powerful magnitude 8.0 earthquake struck a remote part of the Amazon jungle in Peru early Sunday, collapsing buildings and knocking out power to some areas but causing only one reported death.

The quake struck at 2:41 a.m. and was centered in a vast nature preserve 57 miles (92 kilometers) east of the small town of Yurimaguas. Helping limit damage was the earthquake's depth, at 70 miles (114 kilometers) below the surface, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Earthquakes that are close to the surface generally cause more destruction.

President Martín Vizcarra called for calm before traveling to the zone with members of his cabinet to survey the damage. He said first reports indicate a bridge had collapsed and several homes and roads had been affected.

"It's a quake that was felt throughout the Peruvian jungle," said Vizcarra, who was scheduled to host a regional summit Sunday in the capital with the presidents of Bolivia, Colombia and Ecuador.

Ricardo Seijas, chief of the National Emergency Operations Center, said one person died when a rock fell on a house in the Huarango district.

A preliminary survey by authorities found that six people were injured and 27 homes damaged across seven provinces. Three schools, three hospitals and two churches were also affected

In Yurimaguas, a bridge and several old houses collapsed, and the electricity was cut, according to the National Emergency Operations Center.

Images circulating on social media showed residents in several parts of the country panicked as the quake shook buildings.

The quake also awoke people in Lima, who ran out of their homes in fear.

"It was a really long quake," said Maria Brito, who lives on the fifth floor of an apartment building in the capital. "It could've been worse, and luckily it's over."

Earthquakes are frequent in Peru, which lies on the Pacific's so-called Ring of Fire. On August 15, 2007, a similarly sized quake struck near Lima, killing more than 500 people.

A clinic is damaged after an earthquake in Huatapi, on the outskirts of Yurimaguas, Peru, Sunday, May 26, 2019. AP

Michael Gove enters Conservative race to succeed Theresa May

LONDON (AP)—British Environment Secretary Michael Gove on Sunday became the eighth lawmaker to enter the race to succeed Prime Minister Theresa May, as other contenders staked out uncompromising positions on Brexit.

Gove

Gove said Sunday that "I can confirm that I will be putting my name forward to be prime minister of this country" when May steps down as Conservative leader on June 7.

Other candidates for the top job include former Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab, Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt and ex-House of Commons leader Andrea Leadsom.

The current favorite is former Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, whom Gove backed in the 2016 Conservative leadership contest before deciding to run for the job himself.

The winner of that race was May. She announced her departure Friday, admitting defeat in her three-year quest to deliver Brexit after failing three times to get her Brexit deal though Parliament.

Her successor as party leader will be selected by Conservative lawmakers and party members, and will automatically become prime minister. The leadership contest is dominated by candidates vowing to take Britain out of the European Union even if there is no divorce deal in place.

On Sunday, Raab joined Johnson, Leadsom and another candidate, Esther McVey, in vowing to leave on the EU-set deadline of Oct. 31, deal or no deal.

"I will not ask for an extension," Raab said.

"I would fight for a fairer deal in Brussels ... and if not I would be clear that we would leave on (World Trade Organization) terms in October," he told the BBC.

Most businesses and economists think leaving the EU without agreed terms and a transition period would cause economic turmoil and plunge Britain into recession.

But many Conservatives think embracing a no-deal Brexit may be the only way to win "leave"-supporting voters back from the newly-formed Brexit Party led by Nigel Farage.

Any attempt to take Britain out of the EU without a deal will be fiercely resisted by Parliament, and could see pro-Europeans leave the Conservative Party.

"Parliament has voted very clearly to oppose a no-deal exit," Treasury chief Philip Hammond said Sunday.

"It would be very difficult for a prime minister who adopted no deal as a policy ... to retain the confidence of the House of Commons," he told the BBC.

US sanctions on Iran felt in Iraqi Shiite tourist districts

BAGHDAD (AP)—For years, Karar Hussein has sold sweets in his shop near the entrance to one of Shiite Islam's holiest shrines, accepting whatever currency was offered to him by his clients, many of them religious tourists from neighboring Iran. But lately, when Iranian pilgrims ask about prices, he tells them he can only sell if they pay in Iraqi currency. They often walk out, disappointed.

Hussein and many other shop owners in Baghdad's northern Shiite holy neighborhood of Kadhimiya have seen sales drop sharply over the past year since President Donald Trump began re-imposing sanctions on Iran, home to the largest number of Shiite Muslims around the world.

The value of Iran's currency, the rial, has decreased almost fourfold, pushing the price of nearly everything beyond the reach of ordinary Iranian consumers in Iran and abroad.

Standing in his shop wearing jeans and a T-shirt, 27-year-old Hussein said his sales have dropped 30% since last year, but he still prefers not to be paid in Iranian rials because the currency's value keeps depreciating. "Their currency is crashing," he said.

Millions of Shiites from around the world come to Iraq every year to visit its many Shiite shrines and holy places, including the holy cities of Najaf and Karbala in southern Iraq and the central city of Samarra, home to the revered golden-domed al-Askari shrine. They bring large amounts of money into the country, where tourism is the second biggest source of income for state coffers after oil exports.

Since the fall of Saddam Hussein's government in 2003, Iranians have made up the majority of religious tourists to Iraq, although tens of thousands come from other countries.

But tensions have been rising recently in the Middle East between the United States and Iran and there have been concerns that Iraq, whose government is allied with both Tehran and Washington, would become caught in the middle, likely increasing pressures on Iraq's tourism sector.

A favorite tourist destination is the Kadhimiya district in north Baghdad, typically bustling with Iranians shopping for clothes, sweets and trinkets. The area is home to the al-Kadhimayn shrine, known for its two domes and four minarets draped with gold and contains the tombs of Imam Moussa al-Kadhim and his grandson Mohammed al-Jawad, two of Shiite Islam's most revered figures.

On a recent afternoon in Kadhimiya, hundreds of Iranian pilgrims entered and left the shrine, passing by scores of shops on both sides of a pedestrian street leading to the holy site without buying anything.

"Money is a big problem for us. This is really hurting us," said Iranian citizen Hussein Fazeli, as he left the shrine. Fazeli, who brings pilgrims from Iran to Iraq, said the number of Iranian visitors has dropped because many cannot afford to travel now.

Speaking in broken Arabic, Fazeli said Iran will end up victorious no matter how long the crisis takes, adding that "Trump will go, and Iran will stay."

Iran's currency has been declining steadily for years but the drop has accelerated in recent months after Trump's decision to pull out of the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran and reimpose sanctions.

Mohammed Saadi Hadi, who inherited his tiny clothes stand outside the al-Kadhimayn shrine from his father, says sales have dropped by 70%. Prayer gowns for women now cost four times what they cost last year in Iranian currency. He used to sell 60 gowns a day but today he sells less than 10.

Thamer Jabbar, owner of a perfume store, said Iranian tourists now not only abstain from buying, but some of them bring with them items such as saffron spice and stone rings to sell in Iraq, hoping to make up for some of their trip's cost.

Jabbar, 38, said his best days were after Iran and world powers signed the nuclear deal in 2015, which led to the lifting of sanctions on Iran and the release of billions of dollars of frozen assets. On a good day then, Jabbar would sell $700 worth of perfume.

"Today I barely sell anything to an Iranian tourist. Perfumes in Iran have become cheaper," he said.

Focus

AP

A woman exits a voting cabin with curtains depicting the European Union in Baleni, Romania, Sunday, May 26, 2019. The ruling Social Democratic Party (PSD) suffered a major blow in the European Parliament elections according to the country's only exit poll.

EU elections primer: How they work, what happened

AP

A young boy waves an EU flag as he watches a giant screen television outside the European Parliament in Brussels, Sunday, May 26, 2019. From Germany and France to Cyprus and Estonia, voters from 21 nations went to the polls Sunday in the final day of a crucial European Parliament election that could see major gains by the far-right, nationalist and populist movements that are on the rise across much of the continent.

By LORNE COOK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS (AP)—European voters have turned out in record numbers to choose lawmakers to represent them at the European Parliament for the next five years.

More than 400 million voters in 28 nations had the right to vote over the past four days. Here's a look at that massive exercise in democracy, a multi-national ballot by the European Union's only democratically elected institution.

WHO, WHEN, WHAT ON THE EU VOTE?

Europe's voting marathon kicked off Thursday in Britain and the Netherlands. Voters in Ireland turned out on Friday, and those in the Czech Republic, Latvia, Malta and Slovakia on Saturday. On Sunday, people in the remaining 21 EU nations cast their ballots.

Voters in each EU nation chose some of the 751 lawmakers in the European Parliament, which sits in both Brussels and Strasbourg, France.

Seats in the European Parliament are doled out proportionally based on a nation's population. Cyprus, Luxembourg and Malta have the fewest seats with six each, while the EU's most populous member, Germany, has 96 seats.

The results from every nation were being released late Sunday after the last polling station in the continent closed. Estimates suggested turnout could hit 51%, the highest in 20 years.

HOW IMPORTANT IS THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT?

The assembly's powers are slowly growing. It's helped to improve air flight safety in Europe, cut down on plastics use, end mobile telephone roaming charges within the bloc, boost data privacy, set climate change ambitions and reduce carbon dioxide emissions from cars.

The parliament also has a say in treaties ranging from trade talks to Brexit.

The EU's powerful executive arm, the European Commission, proposes laws, while EU lawmakers amend and negotiate their content with national governments, which are the real font of European power and are represented by the EU Council.

Often, the big impact of these EU elections is on the domestic politics of individual EU nations, like support in Britain for the anti-Europe U.K. Independence Party in 2014. In a repeat of her showing in 2014, Marine Le Pen's far-right National Front party, now rebranded as the National Rally, appeared have scored big in France. The polls are often used by disgruntled citizens to cast protest votes against their own national governments.

WHAT WERE THE MAIN ISSUES?

There are no "European citizens" as such, so voters tend to respond to national interests.

How Europe handles migration was a very significant concern for voters in Italy, Hungary, Poland and elsewhere. Economic concerns often influence voters, and Britain's future in the EU appeared to have been a factor again.

An EU survey of public sentiment in April found that voters were most concerned about the economy, unemployment, immigration, the environment and climate change, terrorism and promoting human rights, democracy and social welfare.

WHO'S LIKELY TO WIN WHAT?

Early estimates Sunday suggested that the center-right European People's Party will remain the biggest bloc in the European Parliament but lose perhaps more than 40 seats. Their traditional allies, the center-left Socialists and Democrats group, are also expected to lose around 40 seats. Together they are forecast to capture about 320 seats in the 751-seat house.

Among other mainstream parties, the liberal ALDE alliance is expected to capture just over 100 seats, well up from 68 in 2014, while the Greens could rank fourth with about 70 seats, up from 52. However, the liberals are set to create a new group with French President Emmanuel Macron's centrist party.

As for the far-right and nationalists, the Europe of Nations and Freedom group, which combines parties like Italy's League, Britain's UKIP and France's far-right National Rally, was predicted to win perhaps 20 more seats than the 37 it held in the out-going assembly.

HOW WILL THE VOTE CHANGE EUROPE?

Europe's mainstream political groups appear set to hold control over the assembly, but with fewer seats and they will be pressured into uncomfortable compromises or awkward alliances in order to pass EU legislation.

Populist and nationalist parties have found rising support in national elections in many EU countries, but their pan-European impact will depend on whether they can form a strong political group in Brussels. That certainly is their goal. Italy's hard-line interior minister, Matteo Salvini, head of the League party, has been putting together a populist group of national parties that he says aims to fundamentally shake up EU politics.

Forming such a group is not easy — 25 lawmakers are required, with at least one-quarter of the EU's 28 nations represented — but it's important because it opens up valuable access to EU funds and political influence.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE ELECTIONS?

Once the results are in, the newly elected EU lawmakers will begin haggling to form parliamentary groups, possibly as soon as Monday.

The present European Parliament's term ends July 1 and the new parliament will take their seats in Strasbourg the following day. At the first plenary on July 2, they will elect the president, 14 vice presidents and five other senior officials in the House, as well as decide on the number and composition of parliamentary committees.

EU leaders will meet on Tuesday to choose candidates for the bloc's top jobs. Between July and October, the assembly is called on to endorse those candidates, notably the new president of the European Commission. Parliamentary hearings will then begin to confirm EU commissioners in charge of specific policies.

Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW:

Chevrolet recasts the Blazer for a post-modern world

By LARRY PRINTZ
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BEACON, N.Y.—I had arrived at The Roundhouse, a former manufacturing facility in Beacon, N.Y., a small town once known for its hat manufacturing. This facility, like many others in town, had been converted into something else, in this case, a trendy postmodern chic hotel that made me appreciative that I wasn't staying at some generic chain hotel. My room had large picture windows overlooking picturesque manmade rapids. The shower was large enough to host a small group of friends. All was great.

I had travelled here to explore the back roads of the Hudson Valley and its many wonderful small towns. I decided to flop onto the bed and finalize where to drive.

This is when my love affair of the hotel came to a crashing halt. In an era where people are trading in their sedans for crossovers, mainly due to its elevated seating height and ease of getting in and out, some out-of-touch, brain-dead designer thinks that a bed an inch off the floor is glamorous. It's not. Instead, it makes you feel like some poverty-stricken slob sleeping on the floor. Perhaps these decorators are, since many of them live in major metros where housing costs are so high you can't afford bedroom furniture — if there's space for any.

Nevertheless, once grounded on the mattress, I surveyed where I should drive.

I could go to Hyde Park and visit President Roosevelt's home. Nope. Been there. Then there's the Vanderbilt Mansion; too bad I've toured it already. There's always West Point. Oh wait, I've been there too. I could visit Martin Van Buren's home — for the second time. On and on it went until I realized I had never been to the Culinary Institute of America, where the nation's finest chefs get trained. A day or two of tackling the twisties capped by a fabulous gourmet meal would be fun — especially since I would be driving the 2019 Chevrolet Blazer.

Offered in ascending L, Blazer, RS and Premier trim levels, the new Blazer is a crossover, not a pure SUV like its well-known predecessors. Slotting in between the smaller two-row Equinox and larger three-row Traverse, the Blazer offers more on-road thrills than its siblings, and a hefty amount of added style, and counts the Ford Edge and the Nissan Murano as its closest competitors.

NUTS & BOLTS

- **Base price:** $29,995-$43,895
- **Engine:** 3.6-liter DOHC V6
- **Horsepower:** 308
- **Torque:** 270 pound-feet
- **EPA fuel economy (city/highway):** 18/25 mpg
- **Wheelbase:** 112.7 inches
- **Length:** 191.4 inches
- **Cargo capacity:** 30.5-64.2 cubic feet
- **Curb weight:** 4,246 pounds

The Blazer shares its underpinnings with the GMC Acadia and the Cadillac XT5, and comes with a 193-horsepower 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine and front-wheel drive. A far more powerful 308-horsepower 3.6-liter six-cylinder engine is optional on L and Blazer models, and standard on RS and Premier trims. A nine-speed automatic is standard with either engine; all-wheel drive is available only with the six-cylinder engine. Towing is rated at 1,500 pounds with front-wheel drive, and 4,500 pounds with all-wheel drive.

Assured and responsive, the V-6 powered Blazer Premier does feel more engaging than the mushy handling typical of this class. The Blazer remains remarkably poised and steady while cornering, with minimal body lean. It absorbs bumps admirably, although you will notice you're crossing them. The strong, smooth flow of power is pleasing in a way no turbocharged four could hope to match, and the transmission shifts discreetly. Nevertheless, for enthusiast driving, you'll wish for faster shifts. While there is a fast-reacting manual mode, it's actuated by a Lilliputian toggle switch on the shifter that's positively useless.

It's surprising given its pleasingly sporty ambience. The interior incorporates design motifs also used in the Camaro, including rotating air-conditioning vent bezels for adjusting the automatic climate control. However, there's no mistaking it for a Camaro; you can actually see out of this vehicle.

And it keeps you connected to your electronic life with an 8-inch color touchscreen with navigation system, a built-in 4G LTE Wi-Fi Hotspot with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, and six USB ports.

With supportive seats and a quiet ride, the Blazer's comfortable ride height banished any memories of the floor-high bed, whisking me away to American Bounty, a restaurant that features local produce and a seasonal menu. One of several themed restaurants open to the public, the dining room's ambience was handsomely traditional and quiet. My table overlooked the kitchen, a view I found engagingly entertaining. It was like watching the Food Network without the commercials or senseless blather.

Being one who stringently eats healthy, I succumbed to temptation that ensured I would spend many extra hours working out in the gym. After gluttonously guzzling chicken-fried quail in smoked guava barbecue sauce, butternut-ginger chowder, sake-miso duck breast with glazed sweet potatoes and watercress salad, and finishing with a blueberry napoleon and jasmine tea ice cream, I felt like a candidate for "My 600-Pound Life." I was happy when the Blazer didn't groan under the added weight. I am not sure my own car would be so kind.

Soon, I found myself back at The Roundhouse, lying inches off the floor and listening to the rapids roar by my window. There was something so satisfying about the drive.

In many ways, the Blazer is the classic modern American, boasting flamboyant style, smooth power delivery and impeccable road manners. It's alluring, much like a post-modern hotel like The Roundhouse, although sleeping in the Chevrolet won't find you eye to eye with the floor.

TNS
2019 Chevrolet Blazer Premier.

How a radiator expansion tank works

Q: My question is about radiator overflow tanks. I've always had cars and trucks that had an overflow tank that you would keep full to the cold or hot mark. Checking over my daughter's car, she has a tank with a screw-on cap, and I can't find any other way to check the radiator fluid at the radiator. Can you tell me why the difference and how this should be maintained?
— Jim S.

A: It sounds like your daughter's car is equipped with a radiator expansion tank rather than the overflow container you're familiar with.

Older domestic vehicles typically came equipped with a top or side tank radiator utilizing a pressure relief cap. As engine coolant heats up it expands, causing a buildup of pressure. Operating at up to 15 psi is a good thing as this raises the boiling point of water by about 3 degrees F per pound of pressure (257 vs 212 degrees F). A 50/50 mix of coolant and water raises this even further to about 265 degrees F. With the typical operating temperature range of most vehicles being about 195 to 230 degrees F, this insures the coolant remains a liquid and does the best job of transferring engine heat to the radiator. Older vehicles would discharge coolant via a tube to the pavement when excessive fluid expansion occurred — not the best thing!

Adding an overflow container to capture spillage and a combination pressure/vacuum cap was a good idea, as any lost coolant is contained and can be drawn back into the radiator as the system cools down (the vacuum valve in the cap allows this). These systems typically have a simple container cap and the overflow tube extends near the bottom of the container for draw-back.

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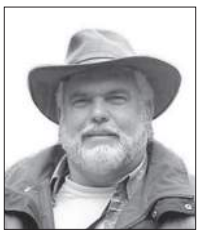
During normal operation, the coolant level in the container varies between the cold and hot lines. If the coolant level in the container is maintained and the tube and cap do their job, one might assume the radiator is full — although I still like to check it! Should even a small leak occur, cool-down vacuum may not be sufficient to draw fluid back to keep the radiator full.

Your daughter's car uses a much sturdier pressurized expansion tank with a pressure relief cap instead of the simple overflow container. The expansion tank is located higher than the radiator and functionally becomes the top of the radiator, adding fluid capacity, with plenty of room for coolant expansion. This method allows a low hood line, as the radiator can be a bit shorter in stature and doesn't have it's own cap.

Another advantage is that by keeping the radiator completely full of fluid, fewer air bubbles occur, which improves heat transfer. An expansion tank also has cold and hot fluid lines that should be periodically checked, and one can observe true radiator fluid level without removing the pressure cap. Never remove a pressurized cap unless the system is stone cold!

My neighbor was recently told by a repair shop his BMW's expansion tank needed replacement due to losing fluid, at a cost of $400, among other service work performed. He declined the job and we looked at it together over a period of several days (a luxury most shops don't enjoy). It turned out the tank was fine! It seems the technician had overfilled the tank and it would discharge coolant from the cap when driven, which ran down and collected around the tank's top seam, causing it to appear faulty.

UNDER THE HOOD



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Life & Style

Lawyer: Deal close in Weinstein sexual misconduct lawsuits

NEW YORK (AP)—A tentative deal has been reached to settle multiple lawsuits brought against the television and film company co-founded by Harvey Weinstein, who has been accused of sexual misconduct by scores of women.

Weinstein

Attorneys involved in the negotiations told a federal bankruptcy court judge during a hearing in Wilmington, Delaware, Thursday that a breakthrough in a still-unfinished mediation had put a settlement within reach.

The amount of the deal wasn't revealed in court, but a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press it was worth $44 million. The person wasn't authorized to reveal details of the discussions and spoke on condition of anonymity.

"We now have an economic agreement in principal that is supported by the plaintiffs, the (New York attorney general's) office, the defendants and all of the insurers that, if approved, would provide significant compensation to victims, creditors and the estate and allow the parties to avoid years of costly, time consuming and uncertain litigation on all sides," Adam Harris, a lawyer for studio co-founder Bob Weinstein, told the judge.

He cautioned that there was still "a lot of work here to do."

"But," he added, "I personally am very optimistic."

The size of the settlement was first reported by The Wall Street Journal.

More than 15 lawsuits have been filed accusing Harvey Weinstein or the company of misconduct. The settlement would cover many of them, including a class action by alleged victims that accuses the film company of operating like an organized crime group to conceal widespread sexual harassment and assaults.

It would also resolve a civil suit by the New York attorney general alleging that Harvey Weinstein's media company, in enabling his mistreatment of women, violated labor laws.

The New York attorney general's office declined to comment on the amount of the settlement.

Any settlement would need to be approved by the courts.

Harvey Weinstein also faces criminal charges in New York of rape and performing a forcible sex act. His trial is scheduled to begin in September. The settlement wouldn't resolve his criminal case.

Weinstein denies all allegations of nonconsensual sex.

An attorney who represents unsecured creditors in the bankruptcy of the Weinstein film studio, Robert Feinstein, told U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Mary Walrath that mediation talks that had broken down a few months ago had recently been restarted.

A global settlement of the class action lawsuit and all other legal action against the Weinstein Co. seemed to become possible only in the past few days, he said, though he cautioned that many details remained to be resolved.

"I think we are poised to get there. I can't assure the court that we will," he said.

Harris said the settlement was complex due to the number of claims, and insurance companies, involved.

"We're dealing with potential claims here that go back . more than 25 years," he said, adding that the nature of the allegations had also made for "a highly charged environment, with very strong feelings on all sides."

Judge: Anheuser-Busch must pull some ads about MillerCoors

MILWAUKEE (AP)—A Wisconsin judge has ordered Anheuser-Busch to stop suggesting in advertising that MillerCoors' light beers contain corn syrup, wading into a fight between two beer giants that are losing market share to small independent brewers.

U.S. District Judge William Conley for the Western District of Wisconsin on Friday granted a preliminary injunction sought by MillerCoors that temporarily stops Anheuser-Busch from using the words "corn syrup" in ads without giving more context.

MillerCoors sued its rival in March, saying St. Louis-based Anheuser-Busch has spent as much as $30 million on a "false and misleading" campaign, including $13 million in its first commercials during this year's Super Bowl.

However, the ruling did not affect all of Anheuser-Busch's advertising targeting MillerCoors, allowing the commercials that premiered at the Super Bowl to keep airing.

Anheuser-Busch's ad drew a rebuke from the National Corn Growers Association, which thanked MillerCoors for its support. In its lawsuit, MillerCoors said it's "not ashamed of its use of corn syrup as a fermentation aid."

AP

In this March 11, 2015 file photo, newly-filled and sealed cans of Miller Lite beer move along on a conveyor belt, at the MillerCoors Brewery, in Golden, Colo.

Corn syrup is used by several brewers during fermentation. During that process, corn syrup is broken down and consumed by yeast so that none of it remains in the final product. Bud Light is brewed with rice instead of corn syrup, but Anheuser-Busch uses corn syrup in some of its other beverages, including Stella Artois Cidre and Busch Light beer.

MillerCoors applauded the ruling and said Anheuser-Busch should be trying to grow the beer market, not "destroy it through deceptive advertising."

"We are pleased with today's ruling that will force Anheuser-Busch to change or remove advertisements that were clearly designed to mislead the American public," said MillerCoors CEO Gavin Hattersley.

Anheuser Busch, however, called the ruling a "victory for consumers" because it allows the brand's "Special Delivery" Super Bowl ad to continue airing.

That ad showed a medieval caravan pushing a huge barrel of corn syrup to castles for MillerCoors to make Miller Lite and Coors Light. The commercial states that Bud Light isn't brewed with corn syrup. Anheuser Busch said the ad would air as early as this weekend.

"As the number one selling beer in the U.S., Bud Light remains committed to leading the alcohol industry by providing more transparency for consumers including letting them know about the ingredients that are used to brew their beer," said Cesar Vargas, Anheuser-Busch vice president of legal and corporate affairs.

Moby apologizes to Natalie Portman for claiming she lied about their relationship

Moby is backing away from his insistence that he once dated actress Natalie Portman in an apology the musician posted on Instagram Saturday.

"As some time has passed I've realized that many of the criticisms leveled at me regarding my inclusion of Natalie in 'Then It Fell Apart' are very valid," Moby wrote on Instagram Saturday.

"I also fully recognize that it was truly inconsiderate of me to not let her know about her inclusion in the book beforehand, and equally inconsiderate for me to not fully respect her reaction," he continued.

"I have a lot of admiration for Natalie, for her intelligence, creativity, and animal rights activism, and I hate that I might have caused her and her family distress," he said.

Moby's claims were rebutted by Portman herself after the release of Moby's new memoir "Then It Fell Apart." Moby pushed back at her denial, even posting a shirtless photo of himself with his arm around Portman as proof, for several days before finally posting his apology.

In an interview, Portman characterized their brief friendship as "creepy."

"I was surprised to hear that he characterized the very short time that I knew him as dating because my recollection is a much older man being creepy with me when I just had graduated high school."

Moby concluded his apology, "Also I accept that given the dynamic of our almost 14-year age difference I absolutely should've acted more responsibly and respectfully when Natalie and I first met almost 20 years ago."

Moby is nearly 16 years older than Portman, according to publicly available birth dates. ***(New York Daily News)***

File says Smollett couldn't contact brothers after arrest

CHICAGO (AP)—One of Jussie Smollett's conditions after posting $10,000 bail amid charges he lied about being the victim of a racist, anti-gay attack was that he have no contact with two brothers police say he paid to help stage the incident, according to a case file unsealed Thursday in Chicago.

Besides that detail, the "Empire" actor's criminal case file appears to contain little new information. The bulk of the more-than-250-page file centers on the legal battle between media organizations that wanted access to the file and Smollett's attorneys who wanted it kept sealed.

In his order for the file to be unsealed, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Steven Watkins said Smollett's actions before and after his case was dismissed did not appear to be those of someone seeking to maintain his privacy. Smollett's lawyers had argued that since the charges were dropped, the actor had "the right to be left alone."

Smollett

Watkins' decision, which followed requests by The Associated Press and other media organizations to make the file public, said there were good arguments for keeping the file sealed but that Smollett forfeited his right to protect his privacy by talking to the media.

The actor had been charged with 16 counts alleging he lied to police when telling them that two masked men beat him in January in downtown Chicago, shouted slurs at him, doused him with a chemical substance and looped a rope around his neck. Police still insist Smollett, who is black and gay, staged the attack because he was unhappy with his salary on the Fox TV show and wanted publicity.

Prosecutors dismissed all charges, though, with little explanation on March 26.

The judge on Thursday wrote that Smollett "voluntarily appeared on national television for an interview speaking about the incident in detail. After the March 26 dismissal, he voluntarily stood in front of cameras from numerous news organizations in the courthouse lobby and spoke about the case. On several occasions, attorneys for Defendant, presumably with his authorization, appeared on various media outlets speaking about the case."

The judge added, "These are not the actions of a person seeking to maintain his privacy or simply be let alone."

Natalie Spears, an attorney representing media organizations that wanted the file unsealed, applauded Watkins' decision.

"This is about transparency and trust in the system and we believe the public has a right to know what the government did and why," she said Thursday after the hearing.

Man accused of defrauding comic book icon appears in court

PHOENIX (AP)—A former business manager of the late comic book legend Stan Lee had his initial court appearance early Sunday in Arizona, where he was arrested after fleeing California charges of fiduciary elder abuse.

Keya Morgan appeared in Maricopa County Superior Court on a charge of being a fugitive of justice.

Court documents show Los Angeles police alerted authorities in the Phoenix suburb of Scottsdale that Morgan's cellphone was being used in north Scottsdale.

Morgan, 43, was found in a house with his mother and arrested without incident Saturday morning, police said.

It's unclear when Morgan will be extradited to California, where he's facing felony charges including theft, embezzlement, forgery or fraud against an elder adult, and false imprisonment of an elder adult. A misdemeanor count also alleges elder abuse.

Los Angeles County prosecutors say Morgan sought to capitalize on the Marvel Comic mastermind's wealth and exert influence over Lee even though he had no authority to act on his behalf.

Lee died last November at age 95.

Prosecutors say Morgan pocketed more than $262,000 from autograph-signing sessions Lee did in May 2018.

Morgan at one point also took Lee from his Hollywood Hills home to a Beverly Hills condominium "where Morgan had more control over Lee," according to California authorities.

Lee's daughter said in a request for a restraining order last year that Morgan was manipulating the mentally declining Lee, preventing him from seeing family and friends, and trying to take control of his money and business affairs.

Alex Kessel, an attorney for Morgan, has said his client has never abused or taken advantage of Lee.

Michael Jackson's estate and former manager settle lawsuit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A years-long lawsuit between Michael Jackson's estate and one of the superstar's former managers has been settled, ending one of the final legal fights over the King of Pop's assets.

AP

In this May 25, 2005 file photo, Michael Jackson arrives at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse for his trial in Santa Maria, Calif.

The confidential settlement announced Thursday with Tohme R. Tohme, Jackson's manager in the last year of his life, was reached after a trial had been underway for five days. It comes a month short of the 10th anniversary of Jackson's death.

Tohme had sought nearly $20 million from the Jackson estate in the lawsuit filed in 2012, saying he was entitled to a 15% commission on funds generated by deals he arranged for Jackson that were received after Jackson's death in June 2009.

The Jackson estate held that Tohme's contract terminated with the singer's death and he was entitled only to a percentage of income Jackson himself received while he was alive.

"The estate acknowledges his efforts on Michael's behalf," Thursday's joint statement from the two sides said of Tohme.

Before trial began, Judge Mark A. Young dismissed part of the lawsuit in which Tohme sought some of the profits of the concert film "This Is It," which was released after Jackson's death.

Tohme also claimed he was due a finder's fee for securing a 2008 loan, which prevented foreclosure on Jackson's Neverland Ranch and prompted Jackson to ask Tohme to be his manager.

Tohme, a Los Angeles native of Lebanese descent who is in his late 60s, was a little-known financier when he dropped suddenly into Jackson's life via his brother Jermaine.

"For the last year and a half I was the closest person to Michael Jackson," Tohme told The Associated Press in an interview shortly after Jackson's death.

He was regarded as something of a mystery man to observers of Jackson and those around him.

"I hate the words 'mystery man,'" Tohme told the AP. "I'm a private man. A lot of people like the media and I don't. I'm a self-made man. I'm in the world of finance."

Tohme said when he first met Jackson, they bonded instantly and remained very close until the singer's death at age 50 the following year.

"I saw how kind he was and what a wonderful human being," Tohme said in an interview. "I saw him with his children and I had never seen a better father. ... I decided to do what I could to help him."

The legal battles among those seeking a piece of Jackson's estate, most of which goes to his three children, have slowly diminished in the last decade.

Lawsuits against the estate filed in 2013 by two men who alleged Jackson molested them were dismissed, but are scheduled to have their appeals heard later this year.

By George! Princess Charlotte to attend school with brother

LONDON (AP)—The first day of school can be stressful but Princess Charlotte will have her older brother there to lean on.

Kensington Palace said Friday that 4-year-old Charlotte will join her brother Prince George at Thomas's Battersea School in London in September. The fee-paying school has 560 students between the ages of 4 and 13 and seeks to produce "caring citizens of the world," according to its website.

Headmaster Simon O'Malley said the school is "delighted" that Prince William and Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, have chosen their school for Charlotte.

O'Malley said "we greatly look forward to welcoming her and all of our new pupils to the school in September."

Chef Mario Batali pleads not guilty to assault charge

BOSTON (AP)—Celebrity chef Mario Batali, whose career crumbled amid several sexual misconduct accusations, pleaded not guilty Friday to a charge that he forcibly kissed and groped a woman at a Boston restaurant in 2017.

Batali, 58, wearing his signature red ponytail and a blazer, did not speak during the brief hearing but nodded as the judge ordered him to stay away from the woman.

The court entered a not guilty plea on Batali's behalf to a charge of indecent assault and battery.

Batali was released on his own recognizance. He will not have to appear at the next hearing, scheduled for July 12.

It's the first criminal charge levied against Batali following sexual harassment and assault allegations that first surfaced in 2017.

The woman says Batali noticed her taking a photo of him at the restaurant and invited her to take a selfie with him. She says Batali then groped and kissed her repeatedly without her consent.

The woman filed a civil lawsuit against Batali in August, seeking unspecified damages for "severe emotional distress."

Batali did not comment as he walked through a slew of reporters to leave the courthouse Friday. His lawyer said earlier this week that the charge is "without merit."

"He intends to fight the allegations vigorously and we expect the outcome to fully vindicate Mr. Batali," attorney Anthony Fuller said in an emailed statement on Wednesday.

The woman's attorneys applauded the Suffolk District Attorney's Office for bringing the case.

"Mr. Batali must be held accountable criminally and civilly for his despicable acts," lawyers Eric Baum and Matthew Fogelman said in an email to media.

Batali could face up to 2½ years in jail, if convicted. He would also have to register as a sex offender.

Batali's food empire included such high-end eateries as Babbo in Del Posto in New York City as well as restaurants in Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Singapore. He became a household name through appearances on Food Network shows such as "Iron Chef America."

He stepped down from operations of his restaurants and was kicked off the ABC show "The Chew" in 2017 after four women accused him of inappropriate touching.

Batali said at the time about those allegations that "much of the behavior described does, in fact, match up with ways I have acted."

Memories of the good times haunt woman after divorce

DEAR ABBY: I was married to my husband for 29 years. We were separated off and on more than 10 of those years. We were both in other relationships but would reconnect for months and sometimes years. Then, because our lifestyles are so different, we would split up again.

I divorced him two years ago, but we see each other off and on as friends. I haven't been in a relationship since our divorce because I still love him. He couldn't stop the street life, and I got tired of living on the edge with him.

He's now in church, off drugs. He has gained back some weight and looks like the man I first fell in love with. I tell him every time I see him that I still love him, but he doesn't believe me and acts like he hates me. We have a 27-year-old daughter he loves and sees.

I think of the good times we had together day and night. I can't sleep sometimes and feel so unhappy without him. Abby, what can I do to move on?

LONELY AND LOST IN MARYLAND

DEAR LONELY AND LOST: You may love the person your ex-husband was in the beginning, but you divorced him for good reasons. Chief among them, he became someone else because of his addiction and his choices. He may blame you for divorcing him, but if you hadn't done it, he probably would not have straightened out. Sometimes love is not enough, particularly when it's a one-way street.

It is time to quit looking backward and concentrate on your future. See your ex as little as possible, and allow yourself to grieve the lost relationship for a specific period of time. When that time period is over, concentrate on meeting new people and cultivating new interests. If necessary, talking with a therapist may be helpful, and I hope you will consider it. There is life after this, but only if you will allow it.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend of 50 years was recently diagnosed with early stages of Alzheimer's. Because her memory was beginning to slip, my husband and I moved her in with us. She pays us rent and contributes to meals.

The problem is, she has told friends that because she pays rent she shouldn't have to help around the house. My husband and I both work. It would be nice if she would cook us dinner occasionally or do the dishes. I have asked, but she always has an excuse. I don't know how to tell her we are not a bed and breakfast. She has the ability to help. Advice?

HELPER NEEDS HELP, TOO

DEAR HELPER: I hope you realize that as your friend's dementia progresses she will no longer be able to help around the house, and it could actually be dangerous for her to cook. It would be better for all concerned if her family would start looking at dementia care facilities for her, THE EARLIER THE BETTER so she will have time to adjust. Some of them offer graduated levels of care to meet the patient's increasing needs. Please consider it.

DEAR ABBY

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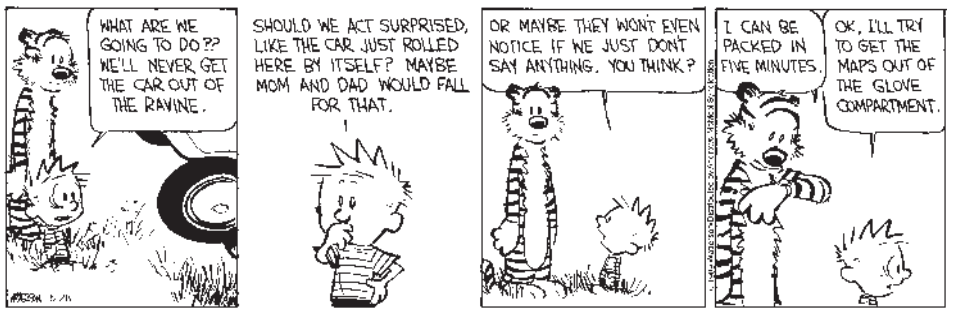
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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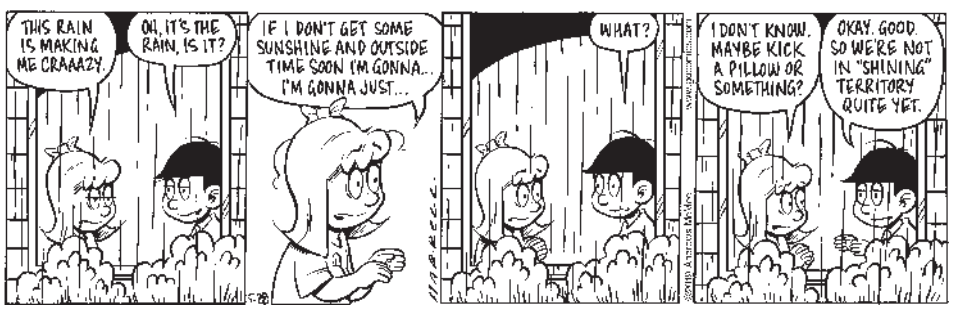
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I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE KICK A PILLOW OR SOMETHING?
OKAY. GOOD. SO WE'RE NOT IN "SHINING" TERRITORY QUITE YET.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

YOUR GYM MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED.
BUT I JUST WORKED OUT. CAN I STILL USE THE SHOWER?
NO. THEN HOW MUCH FOR AN 8-MINUTE MEMBERSHIP?

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Modern taxi alternative
5 911 responders
9 ER workers
12 Zero, in tennis
13 Scurry
14 Actor Kilmer
15 Wharton Sch. offering
17 506, in old Rome
18 Charon's river
19 Speedy
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48 Oahu or Maui (Abbr.)
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50 "A Doll's House" heroine
51 That lady
52 Tower city
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2 Short 'do
3 Actress Longoria
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5 Jittery
6 "Das Kapital" author
7 Three, in Rome
8 Sound systems
9 Movie buff's purchase
10 Sitarist Shankar
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21 It grows on you
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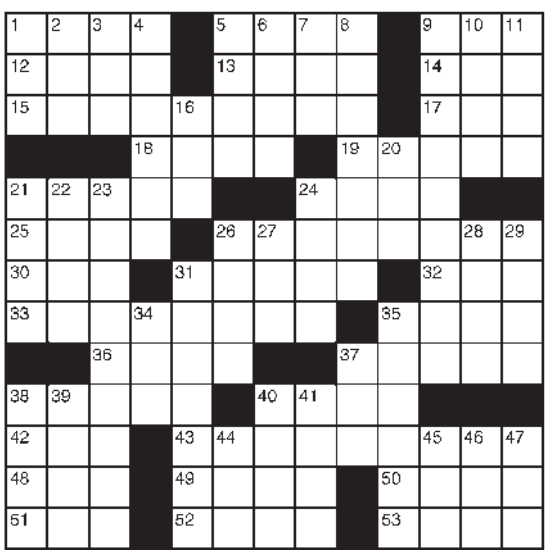

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Happy Birthday: Know what you want, and stick to it. Refuse to be manipulated into thinking you should defer to someone else's plan. A partnership opportunity is only as good as the contract. Don't take on someone else's problems or agree to a deal that is one-sided. Equality will be necessary if you are going to get ahead this year. Your numbers are 4, 15, 21, 29, 36, 43, 47.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Learn all you can from the experts. If you are receptive to constructive criticism and your aim is to keep up with what's new, you will find a way into a position that offers potential growth and financial security. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* It's up to you to make change happen. Look at the possibilities, and use your resources strategically to bring about positive change that will improve your life both personally and professionally. Physical improvements can be made. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Trust in yourself and what you know. Expand your relationships with people who have something to offer. Don't put up with emotional tactics being used to take advantage of you. Offer only what you feel is fair. ✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Change what you don't like. Take the steps that will lead to a better life. A physical change will boost your confidence and fetch compliments. Something you do for someone will change his or her life. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Form a coalition with someone who shares your concerns. A change at work or to the way you earn your living should be handled carefully. Don't walk away from a secure position if you don't have something better lined up. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Emphasize personal growth and changes that will make you feel good physically. An energetic approach to whatever you do will bring positive results and deter someone from meddling or using emotional tactics to pressure you into something you don't want to do. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Intelligence will be required to ward off a dispute with someone who takes advantage of you. Have your schedule in place, and make sure it is geared toward learning, new experiences and being with people you find mentally stimulating. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Keep moving in a direction that suits you. Physical activities will motivate you to make a personal connection with someone who enjoys the same things you do. Romance is on the rise, and greater personal stability will follow. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Don't let a problem escalate. If something needs to be done at home or with personal financial, legal or medical issues, don't wait. Keep things in perspective to avoid an emotional meltdown. Someone you least expect will mislead you. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Make it clear what you won't put up with when dealing with a friend, relative or lover. An emotional situation will turn into a dispute if left to fester. A positive personal change will give you a boost. ✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Yesterday's Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

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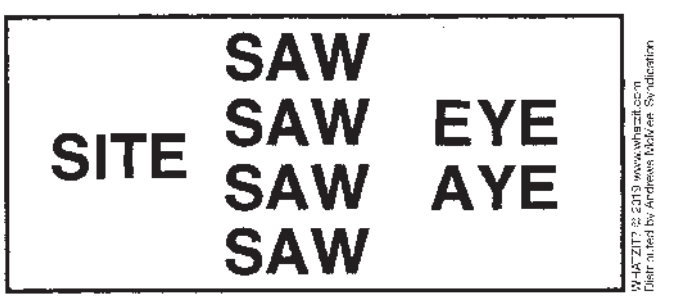

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Reigning Warriors vs newcomer Raptors

OAKLAND (AP)—The first NBA game was in Toronto.

And now, the NBA Finals are headed there.

Finally.

The NBA Finals are set after the Toronto Raptors won the Eastern Conference championship on Saturday night and earned the right to play the Western Conference champion Golden State Warriors. For the Raptors, it'll be the first time on this stage; for the Warriors, it'll be an 11th trip to the finals and fifth in a row, as they look for a fourth crown in the last five seasons.

Game 1 is Thursday night in Toronto, which will become the first city outside the U.S. to play host to a finals game — a milestone that comes just about 73 years after Toronto was the site of the first game in NBA history.

The Raptors weren't around then: Toronto's first NBA team was called the Huskies, a club that went 22-38 in its only season. The Raptors have been around since 1995, and in their 24th season they're finally going to play for a ring.

"They're the champions," Raptors star Kawhi Leonard said of the Warriors. "We've got to go in, have the mental focus, enjoy the moment and take the challenge."

While it is the first finals trip for the Raptors franchise, many players on the team have been there. Leonard and Danny Green got there with San Antonio in 2013 and 2014, with Leonard winning MVP of the series against Miami five years ago. Serge Ibaka was with Oklahoma City for its appearance in 2012 and Raptors reserve Patrick McCaw was part of the Warriors for their title runs in each of the past two seasons.

"We're not satisfied," Raptors President Masai Ujiri said. "We want to win the championship."

For the Warriors, this has almost become an annual rite.

Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson, Draymond Green, Andre Iguodala and Shaun Livingston have been part of each of these five runs to the finals by Golden State. Kevin Durant is going to his third in a row and fourth overall; if he wins Finals MVP—that would seem unlikely at this point, because he isn't expected to play in Game 1 and it's unknown if he'll actually appear in the series at all because of a calf injury—he would join Michael Jordan and Shaquille O'Neal as the only players to win that trophy in three consecutive seasons.

By the time Game 1 rolls around, the Warriors will have been off for 10 days. They scrimmaged Saturday to break up the monotony.

AP

Golden State Warriors forward Jordan Bell, left, blocks a shot by Toronto Raptors forward Pascal Siakam (43) during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Oakland, Calif., Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018.

"I think we try and be smart with it," Iguodala said. "We got a few guys just trying to get back from injury and it's given us some time to get that rest and take advantage of it."

Warriors coach Steve Kerr has a chance at his ninth championship. He won five as a player, has three already as a coach and is going to the finals for the 10th time in his last 13 seasons in either of those roles.

"It's not like we've come to expect it, but we're veterans of this experience and this run and our guys know how to finish games," Kerr said. "They know how to win playoff series, and so there's a sense of confidence going into every round. There's still a sense of joy and accomplishment getting to the finals. It's so hard to do."

For Leonard, it'll be the first trip to the finals since he was MVP of the series in 2014.

And it only continues to prove that his first year in Toronto was a success.

Traded to the Raptors last summer by San Antonio—DeMar DeRozan was the big piece the Spurs got—Leonard, his health and whether he'd fit in in Toronto was one of the major storylines entering this season.

Asked and answered. Leonard has averaged 31.2 points and 8.8 rebounds in the playoffs, had a 27-point, 17-rebound, seven-assist effort in the win over Milwaukee that clinched the East on Saturday, and had perhaps the biggest moment of this postseason when his buzzer-beater hit the rim four times before dropping to beat Philadelphia in Game 7 of the second round.

"He's been great," Kerr said. "Not surprising, though. He's got his finals MVP a few years ago. One of the best players in the league, so he's been great."

Game 2 is in Toronto on June 2, followed by Games 3 and 4 at Oracle Arena on June 5 and June 7.

Either Game 4 or Game 6—on June 13, if it goes that far—will be the final time the Warriors call that building home. They're leaving Oakland after this season for the brand-new Chase Center in San Francisco.

The Raptors swept the season series, though there are plenty of reasons not to make too big a deal out of that. For starters, the teams haven't played since Dec. 12. And neither team was at full strength in either of those games—Durant scored 51 in a 131-128 loss at Toronto in a game in which the Warriors didn't have Curry, Cousins or Green; the Raptors won by 20 at Oracle even without Leonard two weeks later.

Regardless, it can now be said: Toronto and the Bay lay claim to the NBA's two best teams this season.

All that's left to decide now is who'll be hosting the championship parade and hoisting the Larry O'Brien Trophy.

Column: Giannis' future with Bucks depends on 2020 season

With their Game 6 loss to the Toronto Raptors in the Eastern Conference finals on Saturday, the Milwaukee Bucks' season has come to a close.

Despite the disappointment of a somewhat earlier-than-expected playoff exit, a prevailing thought was the Bucks and the 24-year-old Giannis Antetokounmpo would be back and heading into the NBA Finals at some point.

Turns out the team might need that Finals trip sooner than expected.

Could Giannis Antetokounmpo spurn the Bucks' supermax deal?

Thanks to his All-NBA first-team selection on Thursday, Antetokounmpo will be eligible to sign an NBA-record five-year, $247 million supermax extension next summer with the Bucks. Obviously, that is a massive chunk of change.

And yet, Antetokounmpo, one of Wisconsin's most beloved athletes ever, isn't sold yet on signing the contract.

Immediately after the Bucks' loss on Saturday, ESPN's Malika Andrews reported that the team's chance at re-signing Antetokounmpo could depend on whether or not the team makes the NBA Finals next season.

Antetokounmpo has consistently made public proclamations of his love for Milwaukee, as he grew up and became acclimated to American culture in Cream City after moving from Greece. Antetokounmpo adores the Bucks medical staff. His mother moved to Milwaukee. But he is all about winning. In more concrete terms, a source close to Antetokounmpo said that getting to the NBA Finals is not just an ambition, it could tip the scales as he weighs his contractual future.

And if they can reach the NBA Finals next season, the Bucks can improve their chances of signing Antetokounmpo to the supermax in the summer of 2020.

So, yes, making the NBA Finals next year might suddenly be of franchise-altering importance for the Bucks, a small-market team with a rare chance to lock up the prime of one of the NBA's elite players.

The plot thickened even further when Antetokounmpo abruptly walked out of his post-game press conference on Saturday when Andrews asked him an unrelated question.

Re-signing Antetokounmpo likely depends on a number of factors outside the Bucks' control, most notably where this summer's biggest free agents end up. The road to the Finals becomes a lot bumpier if Kawhi Leonard, Kyrie Irving and Kevin Durant all end up in the East, with two of them potentially on the same team.

However, if the name of the game is really convincing Antetokounmpo the Bucks are a long-term winner, it could all depend on what the Bucks are able to do with their roster over the next year.

The biggest decision on the Bucks' horizon has already been addressed. They want to sign Antetokounmpo, even if it costs 35 percent of their salary cap. He's that good.

Moving lower on the priority list, there are some more difficult decisions. The Bucks signed Eric Bledsoe to a four-year, $70 million deal earlier this season, but the team still has three starters it needs to address.

All-Star Khris Middleton will almost certainly decline his $13 million player option this summer, while starters Malcolm Brogdon and Brook Lopez are set to hit free agency. Key reserve Nikola Mirotic is also a free agent, while a decision will have to be made about backup point guard George Hill.

As good as Antetokounmpo is, the five players in the above paragraph were also key to the Bucks' rise through the East and it will be borderline impossible to retain them all. Then again, maybe there's a better player around the corner the Bucks can snag to replace one of them.

It has been 18 years since the Bucks were this close to the NBA Finals, but work clearly remains to be done. Whether or not the Bucks can find and/or keep the players to do it next year could have major repercussions for the NBA.

Trout homers, Angels rally to edge Rangers

ANAHEIM (AP)—Mike Trout is feeling better in the batter's box than he has all year.

The two-time MVP homered and drove in two runs to help the Los Angeles Angels erase a four-run deficit Sunday in a 7-6 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"At the plate I felt great today," Trout said. "I haven't felt like that all season. Just got to keep doing the same thing and take it into tomorrow."

The Angels have a day game Monday in Oakland. They headed to Northern California on the heels of two comeback wins after a five-game losing streak.

Trout went 2 for 3 with a walk and his 12th home run, tied with Tommy La Stella for the team lead.

"Last few weeks I've just been battling and thinking too much," Trout said. "Today I just went up there and hit it and felt the best. It's a crazy game. ... Just keeping it simple."

Trout hit a solo homer in the first inning to give the Angels an early lead. Later, he and Kole Calhoun scored on wild pitches to cap a six-run seventh.

Shohei Ohtani tied it at 5 with a sacrifice fly off reliever Jeffrey Springs (2-1). Trout and Calhoun then dashed home in consecutive plate appearances, with Trout's run giving the Angels the lead and Calhoun, diving headfirst, extending it to 7-5.

Luis Rengifo contributed to the rally with a two-run single.

With runners at the corners, pinch-hitter Nomar Mazara grounded out against Justin Anderson to end it. Anderson allowed an RBI double to Shin-Soo Choo but earned his first save of the season.

Choo and Hunter Pence each hit a solo homer for Texas. But the bullpen faltered, with Springs allowing four earned runs and Kyle Dowdy one. Springs gave up four hits in the seventh and didn't get an out.

"That falls on me," Rangers manager Chris Woodward said. "Those guys have to get engaged more. We have had a lot of close games where we haven't been able to get those guys in. They are out there competing. Springs did the best he could. I don't expect his command to be perfect. Part of that falls on me, not getting them in there enough."

AP

Los Angeles Angels third baseman David Fletcher fields a ball hit by Texas Rangers' Hunter Pence during the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, May 26, 2019, in Anaheim, Calif. Pence was thrown out at first on the play.

Red Sox 4, Astros 1

In Houston, Rafael Devers homered off Justin Verlander, and the Boston Red Sox took advantage of two errors by the Astros to avoid a series sweep.

Eduardo Rodriguez (5-3) held Houston to one run and four hits in six innings, improving to 5-1 in his last eight starts.

The Astros lost for just the fifth time in 22 games and finished the regular season 4-2 against the Red Sox, who beat them 4-1 in the ALCS last season on the way to a World Series championship.

Athletics 7, Mariners 1

In Oakland, Matt Chapman homered for the second consecutive day, Josh Phegley also went deep and had three RBIs, and the streaking Athletics won their ninth straight, beating Seattle to complete a three-game sweep.

Brett Anderson allowed one run in 6 1/3 innings to win after being forced out of his previous start with a cervical strain. Anderson (6-3) struck out four and walked four, but got the Mariners to hit into double plays in three straight innings.

Seattle's Jay Bruce hit his 300th career double in the second and his 299th homer in the seventh.

Royals 8, Yankees 7, 10 innings

In Kansas City, Missouri, Whit Merrifield got a fortunate hop on an RBI single in the 10th inning, and the Royals beat New York despite blowing a six-run lead.

Merrifield hit a sharp, two-out grounder toward third baseman Gio Urshela with speedster Billy Hamilton at second. The ball skipped over Urshela's head, giving Hamilton time to race home. Hamilton had walked against Jonathan Holder (3-2) and stole second.

Dodgers 11, Pirates 7

In Pittsburgh, Justin Turner had five hits after taking a day off, Joc Pederson homered during a six-run sixth inning that featured consecutive bases-loaded plunkings and the Dodgers beat Pittsburgh to complete a three-game sweep.

Matt Beaty had four RBIs and Corey Seager drove in two for the Dodgers, who got five innings of three-run ball from Kenta Maeda (6-2) in his return from the injured list. Los Angeles has won nine of 11.

Chris Archer (1-5) lost his fifth straight start.

Brewers 9, Phillies 1

In Milwaukee, Brandon Woodruff allowed a solo homer but was otherwise perfect over eight innings, Christian Yelich hit his NL-leading 21st home run and the Brewers connected five times against Philadelphia.

Woodruff (7-1) retired his first 15 batters before Andrew Knapp opened the sixth with his first homer. Woodruff struck out a career-high 10, fanning the final batter in each of his innings while matching a career high with 24 outs – a mark he set in his previous outing against Atlanta.

Rays 6, Indians 3

In Cleveland, Austin Meadows led off the game with a home run and was 4 for 4 with three RBIs, leading Tampa Bay over reeling Indians.

Tampa Bay (31-19) is a season-high 12 games over .500 after taking three of four in the series. The Indians (26-26) fell to .500 for the first time since April 4, when they were 3-3. Cleveland has dropped six of seven and finished 4-7 on its longest homestand of the season.

Jalen Beeks (4-0), who took over after Ryne Stanek got the first five outs, gave up two hits in 4 2/3 scoreless innings.

Twins 7, White Sox 0

In Minneapolis, Jake Odorizzi permitted one hit in 5 1/3 scoreless innings, and Eddie Rosario and Max Kepler each hit a three-run homer as the Twins completed a sweep of Chicago.

Odorizzi (7-2) won his seventh straight decision and finished without allowing a run for the fifth time in his past six starts. He combined with four relievers for Minnesota's sixth shutout of the season.

Reds 10, Cubs 2

In Chicago, Nick Senzel had three hits, scored four times and cut down a runner at the plate, helping Tanner Roark and the Reds beat the Cubs.

Led by Senzel, the top third of Cincinnati's lineup collected seven of the team's season-high 17 hits. Joey Votto singled twice in his third consecutive multihit game, and Eugenio Suarez finished with two hits and three RBIs.

The last-place Reds also got five scoreless innings from Roark (4-3) in the rubber game of their weekend set against the NL Central leaders.

Blue Jays 10, Padres 1

In Toronto, Cavan Biggio had three hits, including his first career home run, Lourdes Gurriel Jr. had four hits and homered for the third straight game, and the Blue Jays beat San Diego.

Toronto's Justin Smoak hit two home runs, a two-run shot off Luis Perdomo in the fifth inning and a three-run drive off Adam Warren in the eighth.

Marcus Stroman (3-6) pitched five innings to win consecutive starts for the first time this season.

Mets 4, Tigers 3

In New York, Zack Wheeler pitched into the eighth inning, Todd Frazier delivered a clever push bunt and the Mets kept up a run of comebacks by beating Detroit for its sixth win in seven games.

Adeiny Hechavarria's three-run homer off rookie starter Spencer Turnbull (2-4) helped the Mets rally from an early 3-0 deficit and reach the .500 mark. New York has trailed in all but one of these recent victories, with each of them coming at Citi Field.

Nationals 9, Marlins 6

In Washington, Howie Kendrick hit his eighth homer, drove in three runs and finished with three hits as the Nationals beat Miami.

Brian Dozier doubled in two during Washington's four-run rally with two outs in the third inning against Caleb Smith (3-2), who had his shortest outing of the season.

The Nationals have won the first three games against NL-worst Miami in a four-game series that wraps Monday. They entered on a five-game losing streak.

Rockies 8, Orioles 7

In Denver, Nolan Arenado homered for the third straight game, pitcher German Marquez tripled and drove in three runs, and Colorado scored twice in the bottom of the ninth inning to rally past Baltimore.

Ian Desmond drew a bases-loaded walk from Mychal Givens to tie it, and Tony Wolters hit a sacrifice fly to score pinch-running pitcher Jeff Hoffman with the winning run.

Wolters had three hits for the Rockies, who took two of three in the interleague series—a rare Baltimore visit to Coors Field.

Diamondbacks 6, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Ketel Marte homered for the third time in three games, Eduardo Escobar had three hits and Arizona completed a sweep of the Giants, tying a franchise record for scoring in a three-game series.

Mike Yastrzemski, the 23-year-old grandson of Hall of Famer Carl Yastrzemski, had the first three hits of his career for the Giants, who lost their fifth straight and finished a 1-6 homestand.

Braves 4, Cardinals 3, 10 innings

In St. Louis, Brian McCann drew a bases-loaded walk in the 10th inning and Atlanta rallied from three runs down in the ninth inning.

The Braves have won 12 of 16 and captured their fifth successive series by winning two of three from St. Louis.

Federer advances; Kerber, Venus eliminated

AP
Venus Williams of the U.S. plays a shot against Ukraine's Elina Svitolina during their first round match in the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Sunday, May 26, 2019.

PARIS—Angelique Kerber's quest to complete a career Grand Slam this year was squashed during the first round of the French Open at the racket of an 18-year-old making her debut.

Russian Anastasia Potapova defeated the fifth-seeded German, 6-4, 6-2, in 73 minutes. It was her first time at Roland Garros and her second career match against a player ranked in the top 10. Potapova is ranked 81st in the world.

Kerber came into the French Open nursing a right ankle injury she suffered at the Madrid Open. She "did not have much expectation" after pulling out of the Madrid and Rome clay tournaments heading into Paris.

"Of course this is not my excuse and everything. I tried my best. I know that there is still a little bit of work to do to be really playing matches 100 percent," the German said.

Kerber, 31, is a formerly No. 1-ranked player who won the Australian Open and US Open in 2016. She added a Wimbledon title in 2018 and is now chasing a title at Roland Garros to have the career Grand Slam, though it'll now wait at least another full year.

"I was able to practice in the last few days really good, but it was not a long clay-court preparation with everything. At the end, I was just happy to at least go on court, playing a match, and of course it is not like I hoped for," Kerber said.

She's made it only as far as the quarterfinals at Roland Garros, a feat she matched last year. Kerber has lost in the first round six of her 12 appearances there, including in three of the past four years.

Potapova showed nerves early, but calmed and finished off her first victory over a top-10 opponent. The 18-year-old won the opening set when Kerber blew a 40-0 lead at 5-4. She powered to a 4-0 lead in the second set.

She faces either China's Wang Yafan or Czech Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic in the next round.

Potapova is a former junior world No. 1 who won the junior Wimbledon title. She started her first year on tour in 2017 and saw some success the following year.

In other results, Venus Williams' 22nd appearance at the French Open did not last long.

The 2002 runner-up lost her opening match at Roland Garros for the second year in a row, beaten 6-3, 6-3 by ninth-seeded Elina Svitolina in 1 hour, 13 minutes.

The 38-year-old Williams lost in the first round for the fourth time in the last seven years at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament.

Wiliams was broken in seven of her nine service games.

In the men's, Roger Federer counts himself as an "outsider" for the French Open title this year and says he is not merely trying to temper expectations on his return to the clay court Grand Slam following a four-year absence.

The 37-year-old, whose previous appearance at Roland Garros came in 2015, beat Italy's Lorenzo Sonego, 6-2, 6-4,6-4, on Sunday in his first match back on the red clay in Paris to ease into the second round.

The Swiss is seeded third behind Rafa Nadal and Novak Djokovic but is only fifth-favorite for the title with most bookmakers giving Austria's Dominic Thiem and Greek sensation Stefanos Tsitsipas a better chance of victory.

"It's nice to be an outsider. That's how I feel, anyhow," Federer told reporters after his win. "This is not a show I'm putting on. This is the truth. I really don't know how far I can go in this event, and I am very happy with my first round. It was a really good performance, I thought, from my side for not having played here for as long as I did."

The 20-times Grand Slam winner, who won his only title at Roland Garros in 2009, says he is enjoying being under the radar a little bit.

"I feel like if I lost first round or in the finals or wherever it is (this year), people would be like, 'Okay, that could have happened.' I like that approach for me once in a while. It relaxes you on the bigger points maybe or it relaxes you subconsciously as you walk through the grounds and go to practice and go to the press room. I know when Wimbledon comes around I'll be probably a higher favorite. That's okay, too. I'm happy with where I am," he said.

Federer will meet German Oscar Otte in the second round.

Meanwhile, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams—owners of a combined collection of 55 Grand Slam singles titles—are each in action on Day 2 at the French Open.

Each is embarking on a bid to achieve a milestone over the next two weeks at Roland Garros.

Beginning against Yannick Hanfmann (a German qualifier who played tennis at Southern California and whose career Grand Slam record is 0-1), Nadal seeks his record-extending 12th championship in Paris, the most for any man or woman at any major tournament.

Djokovic, whose initial opponent is Hubert Hurkacz of Poland, eyes a fourth consecutive Grand Slam trophy, something only one man has managed to do in the past 45 years: Djokovic.

And Serena, who starts against Vitalia Diatchenko, renews her quest for a 24th major title, which would tie Margaret Court for the most in history.

Other past Grand Slam champs in action on a busy day include Stan Wawrinka, Caroline Wozniacki, Sam Stosur and Petra Kvitova.

Na cruises to Colonial, gives car to caddie

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—Kevin Na always believed he could win at Colonial, so he paused to visualize his name on the wall of champions at the first tee before making another run at it.

The South Korean-born American will get to read his name on that wall next year.

Na birdied four of the first eight holes and shot a 4-under 66 for a four-shot victory over Tony Finau on Sunday on the cozy course made famous by Ben Hogan, securing his third career PGA Tour win and second in 10 months.

"On the first tee, I saw that wall, looked at the names, right below Justin Rose," Na said, referring to the defending champion. "And in my head, I engraved my name on it. I was just trying to visualize success before I teed off."

Na picked up his third career win on Tour and it didn't take him long to give his caddie something awesome for the win because right after his final putt fell in the hole, Na pointed at the 1973 Dodge Challenger that was to be awarded to the winner and yelled, "That's your car!" at his caddie, Kenny Harms.

Na opened with a two-shot lead and was in front by at least that many for the final 16 holes after putting his second shot inside 5 feet for birdie at the par-4 second. Na finished 13 under after a bow-tying birdie at 18.

The win came after Na put himself in contention with a second-round 62, one off the Colonial record. That low round was a year after tying that course-record 61 in the final round to finish fourth.

Na, who has made 10 cuts in 11 Colonial appearances since withdrawing in the first round of his debut in 2004, had three scores of 62 or better in a span of six rounds. Then he added a pair of solid scores that were more than enough to keep anybody from getting close.

"They say this is a golf course that I've had the most leads in a tournament," said Na, who pulled away despite opening with a pedestrian par 70 in difficult conditions. "So it tells you how much I like this place and how well I've played here."

Local favorite Jordan Spieth's strong putting disappeared in a 2-over 72 as the Dallas native finished eight shots back to remain without a victory since his third major title at the 2017 British Open.

Jim Furyk's hopes faded when the 2003 U.S. Open champion went in the water for double bogey at the par-3 13th on the way to a 73. The 17-time tour winner's last title was at Hilton Head in 2015.

Finau briefly was within a shot of Na early in the round, and the first-round leader was two back when Na birdied 14 about the same time Finau had a bogey at 16 to push the lead to four. Finau, looking for his second career win three years after his first, closed with a 68.

"He wasn't letting up, so I knew I was going to have to make three or four birdies coming in," Finau said. "I gave myself the looks to do it. Just wasn't able to make it happen."

Andrew Putnam (66) and C.T. Pan (69) finished at 8 under, a stroke ahead of second-round leader Jonas Blixt (68).

It's the first time since 2002-03 that consecutive Colonials were decided by more than one stroke. Rose, who won by three in 2018 and was the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 3 this year, had his third score of par or worse, shooting 70 to finish 5 over.

Spieth made three putts from beyond 40 feet in the same tournament for the first time in his career—all in the first two rounds. But after making at least 127 feet of putts in each of the first three rounds, Spieth had just 46 — about a third of them on his only birdie at 18.

"The hole just started to look a little smaller today," Spieth said after a top-10 finish that followed his first Top 20 of the season, a tie for third at the PGA Championship. "That can happen on random days."

World Cup: USWNT subs good as starters

HARRISON, N.J. — Pity the U.S. opponents.

Imagine their sigh of relief, watching Alex Morgan head for the sidelines after trying to corral her for 60-plus minutes, only to realize the player coming in is Carli Lloyd. Or feeling as if you'll finally get a break from trying to chase down Crystal Dunn, and seeing Mallory Pugh waiting to take her place. Or being grateful to watch Tobin Heath exit—until Christen Press sprints onto the field.

"That's not fun, that's for sure," defender Kelley O'Hara said last week, a wicked grin on her face. "That's one of the best parts about this team. You know the other teams are like, `OK, they're bringing on a sub,' and then they look over at who's subbing in and they're just like, 'Crap.'

"People that are subbing into games are game changers, just as good as some of the starters potentially."

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In this Aug. 8, 2014, file photo, United States' Mallory Pugh (12) gets to the ball ahead of Brazil's Julia Bianchi (4) during the first half of a U-20 FIFA women's World Cup soccer game in Edmonton, Alberta.

Teams only get three substitutes in the World Cup, which begins June 7 in France. But few, if any, countries will bring as much quality off the bench as the Americans will in their quest for a fourth title. The U.S. begins play against Thailand on June 11 in Reims, France.

That depth was on full display Sunday, when the Americans wrapped up their sendoff tour with a 3-0 victory over Mexico. The Americans had peppered Mexico goalkeeper Cecilia Santiago relentlessly in the first half, but only had Heath's 11th-minute goal to show for it.

Jill Ellis did her best imitation of a hockey coach at halftime, making six substitutions, and the impact was immediately apparent. Lloyd, Pugh and Press shredded Mexico's weary back line every time the United States had the ball, and it eventually proved too much for the young and overworked El Tri team.

In the 76th, Lloyd dribbled her way up the left side, sidestepping a Mexico defender before sending a pass to the front of the goal, where both Pugh and O'Hara were waiting. Pugh got control of the ball and, with the lightest of touches, scored.

In the 88th, Press brought down a pass from Julie Ertz just outside the 18-yard box, juked a Mexico defender and then rocketed a left-footed shot into the back of the net.

"The depth, as far as the technical ability, is probably the strongest we've had," Lloyd said.

Considering this is Lloyd's fourth World Cup, and the 2015 squad won the whole thing while the 2011 edition reached the finals, that's saying something.

Now, you can make the argument that maybe one of those subs should be starting—and Lloyd will when asked. But that misses the point. The players who will come off the U.S. bench would be starting for any other team, and that means there is no drop-off whatsoever when they enter the game.

Other teams might be able to say that about one, maybe two, of their subs. But all three? No matter the position being subbed? Even past U.S. teams couldn't have said that.

"We have two starting 11s, honestly," Morgan said.

And it's not just the numbers.

At one point in the first half, Dunn, who starts at left back, was up with the forwards. Early in the second half, Ellis had Heath playing at left back while Ertz, who now plays in the midfield, dropped into her old spot on the backline.

That ability to mix and match will be exhausting for opponents, who won't be able to predict who or what they'll be seeing from the United States.

Now, this doesn't mean the streets of Manhattan should be cleared for the ticker-tape parade. The Americans' struggles to finish, particularly early, have been notable during this sendoff series. While the competition hasn't been good enough for that to be an issue, that won't be the case the deeper the United States goes in France.

No experience needed: Japan opts for youth

NARASHINO, Japan (AP)—Jun Endo turned 19 a few days ago and is headed to her first Women's World Cup.

The Japan forward has lots of company. Sixteen others on the 23-player roster are also going for the first time.

"I think age doesn't matter when it comes to playing football," Endo said, speaking Japanese at the team's training camp on the outskirts of Tokyo.

"I know that I don't have much experience yet, but I think I'm good at learning quickly. Because I'm younger than other players, I'll work harder. I just try to keep running."

Few people believe Japan will win the World Cup, which opens on June 7 in France. That honor falls to favorites like France, England, Germany and the United States, with a few outsiders like Canada, Spain and Italy starting to be considered.

But beware of Japan, a team known at home as "Nadeshiko," the name of a small flower that is meant to symbolize the ideal Japanese woman.

The country won the World Cup in 2011 and was runner-up in 2015 — both times against the Americans. The coach this time is Asako Takakura, who has taken over from the highly successful Norio Sasaki.

Takakura went to the World Cup twice as a player and is the first woman in charge, a fact she does not seem to dwell on.

But some see it as a breakthrough in a country that has few women in corporate board rooms or in the top ranks of government. It also comes as players are pushing FIFA, the governing body of soccer, to upgrade the profile of the women's game.

Norway superstar Ada Hegerberg is skipping the tournament to make the point.

"Many people often ask me about this," Takakura said, speaking through an interpreter. "I believe that I just need to give my players everything I have in order to win matches and bring out the potential of my players.

"Of course, I have a large responsibility on my shoulders to get results. But I'm not alone."

Japan has played many of the contenders in recent months, drawing with Germany and the Americans, and losing to England and France. It has qualified for every World Cup and, like the United States, could be the first team to reach the final three straight times.

The Japanese are difficult to break down and rely on speed and keeping the ball on the ground.

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similar 8-3 records.

Meanwhile, Achilles Evangelista threw a two-hitter in the shutout win and struck out five batters, as the Falcons finished off the Braves after only four innings via 10-run mercy rule. The pitcher, who worked all four innings of the one-sided match, also contributed three RBIs and two runs off a 2-for-4 performance at the plate.

With Evangelista on the mound and the Falcons' defense on point, no Braves runners made it past first base and the former forced their foes to a 1-2-3 in the third and fourth inning.

On offense, second baseman Damien Cruz had the most runs for the Falcons with three after going 3-for-4 at bat. All of Cruz's three hits were doubles and he earned four RBIs. Shortstop Marvin Cabrera, third baseman Noah Iguel, and catcher Andre Iguel chipped in two runs each with the latter scoring off a stolen base and passed ball.

With the victory, the Falcons improved their record to 7-4 for a tie for third to fourth place with McDonald's, while the Braves fell to a 2-8 card. The Falcons and the Braves have one game left in the regular season with the latter out of the race for the playoff berths, along with the winless JZ Twins (0-8). Only the Top 4 teams will advance to the playoff round next weekend and the cast is complete with the Falcons and McDonald's joining the Kagman Little Legals and the Comets. The remaining matches in the elimination will determine the playoff pairings. The No. 1 finisher will take on the No. 4 team for the first finals ticket, while No. 2 vs No. 3 squads will collide for the second and last one. The pair of semis games is set for June 8, while the championship match will be played on June 9.

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lied 34 in the girls U19 division and led Kanoa to an undefeated season. Joyce finished ahead of MP United's Guine Borja (24) and Francisco (18).

In the girls U16, Francisco was the runaway winner of the Golden Boot award after posting 30 goals. Southern United Football Club's Keisha Deleon Guerrero and Joyce were ranked second and third after earning 17 and 10, respectively.

Tenorio edged TanHoldings' Mark Esalan for the top honors in the boys U18 division with the former getting 14 goals against the latter's 13. There was also a close battle in the Golden Boot award for the co-ed U12 division with Bisek winning by only one goal, 7-6, against TanHoldings' Monico Claridades.

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today and will run until June 2 at the ITF Regional Tennis Centre in Lautoka. American Samoa, Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Nauru, Norfolk Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia are also playing in the week-long tournament.

The two CNMI bets will have their debut game against the Fiji Development Team at 12pm (10am Saipan time). Song and Schorr will be representing the Commonwealth in the team event for the second time. Last year, Jimin Woo joined Song and Schorr and the trio finished in the Top 10 of the men's field. The CNMI ruled the women's division last year with Carol Lee, Isabel Heras, and Conatsu Kaga teaming up. Lee is currently in Italy, competing in the ITF Juniors World Tour, while Heras and Kaga are in the U.S. and Japan, respectively.

Meanwhile, though Woo is not playing in the Pacific Nations Cup 2019, he will still be in Fiji to train at the facility after receiving a scholarship from the Oceania Tennis Federation.

Woo, Schorr, and Song all participated in the 2019 Northern Marianas Junior Championships. Schorr made it to the third round of the singles event, while Song moved to the second, and Woo dropped his opener. Song and Woo teamed up in the doubles and marched into the second round.

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Comets in pennant race; Falcons win

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Achilles Evangelista pitches for the Falcons during the bottom of the third inning of their Majors division game against the Braves in the 2019 Saipan Little League Baseball yesterday at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

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The Comets boosted their bid for the pennant, while the Talaabwogh Falcons notched an easy win in the Majors division of the 2019 Saipan Little League Baseball at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

The Comets downed the Falcons last Saturday, 13-3, while the latter regrouped quickly and coasted past the Braves yesterday, 14-0.

After a 1-2-3 at the bottom of the first inning, the Comets got their acts together in the second inning, scoring three runs to take control of the match and never relinquished it. The Comets went on to wrap up the game one inning early after firing seven runs at the bottom of the fifth.

Isidro Lizama led the Comets' strong finish after hitting a two-run single and the team went on to record four more earned runs. Catcher Jesus Tyquengco contributed an RBI single in the fifth and was perfect at the plate, going 3-for-3 and making two RBIs and one double.

The Falcons, on the other hand, got all their three runs (only one earned) at the top of the fifth inning, as they struggled against Comets starting pitcher Greg Tebit and closer Lizama.

Tebit allowed only two hits in 2.1 innings pitch and fanned five batters. Lizama also had five strikeouts and gave up four hits for the Comets, who will face the Kagman Little Legals in their last game in the regular season on June 2 with the winner taking the pennant. The Little Legals and Comets hold

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Steele leads Golden Boot winners

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
MP United Football Club's Richard Steele, right, keeps his eye on the ball, while a Kanoa Football Club player sticks close to him during their playoff game for the boys U15 division title in the 2019 NMIFA Spring Youth League last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

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MP United Football Club's Richard Steele left a mark in his last playing season in the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association Youth League after winning the Golden Boot award in the boys U15 division.

Steele, whose family is leaving the island this summer, collected 23 goals in the double-round robin competition and had his best output (7) in a single game when they hammered Kanoa Football Club-2 (14-0).

He is the only player in his age group to earn 20-plus goals. The MP United forward hit the board in all of MP United's 10 regular matches, including a pair in their 4-1 triumph over Kanoa Football Club-1 that forced the playoff match for the division title. In the rubber, the Mt. Carmel School student also drilled the pair of goals for MP United, which unfortunately fell short in its championship bid as Kanoa-1 eked out a 3-2 victory.

Steele was way ahead of Kanoa-1's Jaydee Jose in the Golden Boot race, as the former logged only 16 goals. Shirley's Football Club's Gabriel Arkoh (14), and siblings Markus (14) and Merrick Toves (13) made it to the Top 5. Other players who delivered 10-plus goals this season were TanHoldings' Oliver Fajardo (13), Kanoa-1's Jim Kurt Maniago (13), and Shirley's Hakib Hassan (11).

Meanwhile, other Golden Boot awardees were Shirley's Jayvin Bisek, MP United's Sunjoon Tenorio, and Kanoa's Sharmaine Francisco and Paulyn Joyce.

Joyce registered the most goals in the league, as she tal-

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Schorr, Song off to Fiji

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After competing in the 2019 Northern Marianas Junior Championships last week, Robbie Schorr and Ken Song left for Fiji to play in the Pacific Nations Cup 2019.

The two junior players are entered in the Men's League and will be seeing action in Group C in pool play. Song and Schorr, who left Saipan last Sunday, will go up against Samoa, the Fiji Development Team, and Kiribati. The Pacific Nations Cup 2019 will be played starting

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Robbie Schorr, seen here playing in the 2019 Northern Marianas Junior Championships last week at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts, is in Fiji to compete in the Pacific Nations Cup 2019.